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CALEB NICHOLS

mar

ANNE WARD

dau of CALEB NICHOLS — CH SARAH NICHOLS

mar

MOSES WHEELER Jr.

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CH SAMUEL WHEELER

mar

MARY B RUSSELL

DESCENDANCY CHART FOR ROBERT BRUS - SWT.PAF
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Name (Birth/Chr.-Death/Burial) Birth/Chr. Place

1-- Robert BRUS-4946 (-)
sp-Agnes PAGNEL-4947 (-)

2-- Robert "Le Meschin" BRUS-4911 (1103-) ,Annandale,Dumfrie,Scotl
d
sp-Eufemia-4912 (1110-) ,Carrick,Ayr,Scotland

3-- William DE BRUCE [Baron of Annandale]-3462 (1142-1215) ,Annand
e,Dumfrie,Scotland
sp-Christine-4910 (1144-) ,Annandale,Dumfrie,Scotland

4-- Robert DE BRUCE [Baron of Annandale]-4889 (1164-1245) ,Ann
dale,Dumfrie,Scotland
sp-Isabel HUNTINGDON [Princess of Scotland]-4890 (1199-1251)
untingdon,Huntingdon,England

5-- Robert "The Competitor" DE BRUCE [5th Lord of Annandale
4887 (1210-1295) ,Annandale,Dumfrie,Scotland
sp-Isobel DE CLARE-4888 (1226-1264) ,,Gloucester,England

6-- Robert DE BRUCE [Earl of Carrick]-4885 (1243-1304)
Annandale,Dumfrie,Scotland
sp-Margaret CARRICK [Countess of Carrick]-4886 (1252-
) ,Carrick,Ayr,Scotland

7-- Robert I "The Bruce" BRUCE [King of Scotland]-4
5 (1274-1329) Writtle,Chelmsford,Essex,Sctla
sp-Isabel/Matilda MAR [Queen of Scotland]-4915 (12
-) Kildrummy,Kildrummy,Aberdeenshir,Scot

8-- Marjorie BRUCE [Princess of Scotland]-4967
297-) Dundonald,Kyle,Ayr,Scotland
sp-Walter STEWART [High Steward of Scotland]-4
8 (1292-) Dundonald,Kyle,Ayr,Scotland

9-- Robert II BRUCE [King of Scotland]-4969
1316-1390) Dundonald,Kyle,Ayr,Scotland

7-- Thomas DE BRUYS-4878 (1313-1348) ,,,Scotland
sp-Mary CHARTERIES-4879 (1317-) ,,,Scotland

8-- Robert DE BRUYS/BRUCE-4875 (1348-1389) ,,,
otland
sp-Isabell STEWART-4876 (1350-) ,,,Scotla

9-- Robert DE BRUYS/BRUCE-4863 (1371-1406)
,Clackmannan,Scotland
sp-SCRIMGEOUR-4864 (1372-) ,,Dudhope,
otland

10-- David BRUCE-4861 (1392-) ,,,Cl
kmannan,Scotland
sp-Jean STEWART-4862 (1396-) ,,,S
tland

11-- John BRUCE-4859 (1420-1473) ,
lackmannan,Scotland
sp-Elizabeth STEWART-4860 (1433-14
) ,,Rossyth,Scotland

12-- David BRUCE-4857 (1445-150
,,Clackmannan,Scotland
sp-Marion HERIES-4858 (1446-
) ,,Teragles,Scotland

13-- David BRUCE-4854 (1470
) ,,Clackmannan,Scotland

sp-Jane/Jean BLACKADDER-48

55 (1472-) Tull-Allan,,Scotland

14-- Edward BRUCE [Sir

Knight]-4852 (1505-1565) Blairhall,,England

sp-Allison REID-4853 (

1507-) ,,Aikenhead,Scotland

15-- George BRUCE [

Sir]-4850 (1595-1625) ,Carnock,Fife,Scotland

sp-Mrs BRUCE-4851

(1570-) ,Carnock,Fife,Scotland

16-- Margaret BRUCE-4849 (1577-1652) ,London,Middlesex,England

sp-Francis NICHOLS-4848 (1570-1622) ,Ampthill,Bedford,England

17-- Francis (1) NICHOLS-4659 (1594-1650) ,,,England

sp-Mrs NICHOLS-4773 (1597-1634) ,London,London,England

sp-Janet STIRLING-4872 (1445-

)

7-- Edward DE BRUCE-4958 (-)
7-- Nigel DE BRUCE-4959 (-)
7-- Alexander DE BRUCE-4960 (-)
7-- Isabella DE BRUCE-4961 (-)
sp-Erik [King of Norway]-4962 (-)
7-- Mary DE BRUCE-4963 (-)
7-- Christina DE BRUCE-4964 (-)
7-- Matilda DE BRUCE-4965 (-)
7-- Margaret DE BRUCE-4966 (-)

NICHOLS
BRUCE

PEDIGREE CHART FOR Francis (2) NICHOLS - SWT.PAF 20 Jun 2010 Chart 1

1 Francis (2) NICHOLS
BIRTH: 1594
,,,England
MARR: 1610
,London,London,England
DEATH: 6 Jan 1650
Stratford,Fairf,Conn,USA

SPOUSE(S):
Mrs NICHOLS

2 Francis (1) NICHOLS
BIRTH: 1570
,Ampthill,Bedford,Englan
MARR: 1593
,London,Middlesex,Englan
DEATH: 6 Sep 1622
,,Connecticut,USA

3 Margaret BRUCE
BIRTH: 1577
,London,Middlesex,Englan
DEATH: 1652
,London,Middlesex,Englan

4 Antony NICHOLLS
BIRTH:

MARR:
,,,England
DEATH:
,,,England

5 Mary WALDRON
BIRTH:
,Say Somerset,England
DEATH:
,,,England

6 George BRUCE [Sir]
BIRTH: Abt 1595
,Carnock,Fife,Scotland
MARR: Abt 1577

DEATH: 6 May 1625
,Culross,Perth,Scotlan

7 Margaret PRIMROSE
BIRTH: 1570
,Carnock,Fife,Scotland
DEATH:
,,,Scotland

8 Thomas NICHOLLS
BIRTH:

MARR:
,,,England
DEATH: 1551
,,,England

9 Elizabeth POPPLEWELL
BIRTH:

DEATH:
,,,England

10
BIRTH:

MARR:

DEATH:

11
BIRTH:

DEATH:

12 Edward BRUCE [SirKnig]
BIRTH: 1505
Blairhall,,England
MARR: Abt 1531
,Aikenhead,Perth,Scotl
DEATH: 1565
,,,France

13 Allison REID
BIRTH: 1507
,,Aikenhead,Scotland
BURIAL:

14
BIRTH:

MARR:

DEATH:

15
BIRTH:

DEATH:

16 Robert NICHOLLS
BIRTH:

17 Elizabeth/Isabel
BIRTH:

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BIRTH:

24 David BRUCE [Sir]
BIRTH: Abt 1470
,,Clackmannan,Scotland

25 Jane/Jean BLACKADDER
BIRTH: Abt 1472
Tull-Allan,,Scotland

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Records of: Frances

1. Robert I, King of Scotland, d. 1329 = (2) Elizabeth de Burgh
2. Matilda Bruce = Thomas Isaac or Ysac
3. Joanna Isaac or Ysac = John de Ergadia of Lorne
4. Isabel de Ergadia = Sir John Stewart of Innermeath and Lorne
5. Jean Stewart = Sir David Bruce of Clackmannan
6. John Bruce of Clackmannan = Elizabeth Stewart
7. Sir David Bruce of Clackmannan = Mariot Herries
8. Sir David Bruce of Clackmannan = Janet Blackadder
9. Edward Bruce of Blairhall = Alison Reid
10. Sir George Bruce of Carnock = Margaret Primrose
11. Margaret Bruce = Francis Nichols (Nicolls)
12. **Richard Nichols** (Nicolls) (c. 1624-1672), 1st English colonial governor of N.Y.; d. unm.

Sources: *DNB*; *Drummond*, vol. 1 (Bruce) and *BP* (Bruce, earls of Elgin); *BP* (recent editions, Moray — for Stewart of Lorne); *CP* (Lorn) and *MCS4*, line 42. See also *TAG* 68(1993):113-14.

FROM ROYAL DESCENDANTS OF 600 IMMIGRANTS

1. Edward I, King of England, d. 1307 = Margaret of France
2. Thomas of Brotherton, Earl of Norfolk = Alice de Hales
3. Margaret Plantagenet, Duchess of Norfolk = John de Segrave, 4th Baron Segrave
4. Elizabeth de Segrave = John Mowbray, 4th Baron Mowbray
5. Thomas Mowbray, 1st Duke of Norfolk = Elizabeth FitzAlan
6. Isabel Mowbray = James Berkeley, 6th Baron Berkeley
7. Maurice Berkeley = Isabel Mead
8. Anne Berkeley = Sir William Dennis, son of Sir Walter Dennis (and Agnes Danvers), son of Morris Dennis and Katherine Stradling, probably (but not certainly) legitimate, daughter of Sir Edward Stradling and (prob.) Jane Beaufort, SETH, a great-granddaughter of Edward III, King of England, d. 1377, and Philippa of Hainault
9. Eleanor Dennis = William Lygon
10. Thomas Lygon = 11. Frances Dennis, see below

11,12. Thomas Lygon = Elizabeth Pratt

12,13. **Col. Thomas Ligon (Lygon)** of Va. = Mary Harris.

7. Isabel Berkeley (sister of Maurice) = William Trye
8. William Trye = Anne Baynham
9. Edward Trye = Sybil Mornington
10. Katherine Trye = Hugh Dennis, nephew of Sir William Dennis, above
11. Frances Dennis = Thomas Lygon, see above

10. Cecily Lygon (sister of the first Thomas Lygon) = Edward Gorges, SETH
11. **Sir Ferdinando Gorges** (c. 1565-1647), founder and lord proprietor of Maine, = (1) Anne Bell, ARD, SETH; (2) Mrs. Mary Fulford Achims, ARD, SETH; (3) Elizabeth Gorges,

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Sergeant Francis Nicholls

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PART ONE

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Sergeant Francis Nicholls

NICHOLLS OF AMPTHILL

The Ancestors of Sergeant Nicholls

Arms, Azure, a fesse bet three lions' heads;
Crest, a tiger segent. Ermine.
Motto, Illi nunquam cedunt.

5265 Robert Nicholls, of London, married Elizabeth or Isabel, died 1548; they had three sons, Thomas (the elder), John, and Thomas the Younger; these children and his grandson Robert, son of Thomas, are mentioned in his will, dated and proved 20 June, 1548, leaving a mansion in London, and large landed property. 5266

5264 Thomas, eldest son of Robert, married Eliz. Popplewell, died 1561. By his will, dated 11 October, 1558, and proved 31 January, 1561, leaves real estate in various parishes of London and Tottenhall Court, etc., to his sons, Robert, Antony, Richard and John; and, besides family legacies, £100 to each of the four hospitals in London, and liberal remembrances to other charities. 5267 5263

5263 Antony, the second son of Thomas, and grandson of Robert, married Mary Waldron of Say Co., Somerset. Their children were: Francis, Antony, William and Elizabeth. On the monument of his daughter Elizabeth, Antony is mentioned as of Paddington Esq. (Paddington is now a part of London.) 5268

4848 Francis, of Ampthill, Bedford Co., the eldest son of Antony, is described in the pedigree of 1628, as of the Middle Temple, one of the squires of the Bath, and lies buried at Ampthill, about forty miles from London. He married Margaret, daughter of Sir George Bruce of Carnock. The children of Francis Nicholls and his wife, Margaret Bruce, were: 4849

BRUCE

1 Edward, born ante 1600.

2 4654 Francis, born ante 1600.

3 Bruce (a daughter), born ——; married John Frecheville (baron) of Stavely, Derby, and died in 1629. He died in 1682.

1799

4 Richard, born ——, was Governor of New York in 1664, and returned to England in 1667.

In 1613 the custody of the Great Park at Ampthill in Bedfordshire, was granted to Lord Bruce, father of Margaret, the honor of Ampthill being vested in the Crown, and under this arrangement the Nichollses were for many years lessees of Ampthill Great Park under the Bruces and resided at the Great Lodge, or Capitol Mansion, as it was then styled and is now occupied by Lady Ampthill, one of the late Queen Victoria's Ladies-in-Waiting, and is called by the villagers "The Park House."

The following is a literal translation of the inscription (in Latin) on the monument erected to the memory of Col. Richard Nicholls, in the English Church at Ampthill:

"Here lies interred in the tomb with his most estimable parents, and always most closely united with them by filial affection, Richard Nicholls, son of Francis Nicholls and Margaret Bruce, a groom of the bed chamber to his Highness, James, Duke of York. In the year 1643, having abandoned the seats of the muses (college), he commanded a troop of horse in the Civil War, and was a bold and intrepid youth. In the year 1664, having become ripe in age, and martial science, he was sent out to North America invested with command, and having disposed the Dutch, he restored Long Island and other Islands to their rightful master, and honored them with the names of his Lord, and was their Governor for the space of three years. He was distinguished in College, in War, at Court, in Majesty, in literature, in Virtue, in frankness of Soul, in prudence, was beloved by all for his character, and was perfectly upright in all his transactions. On the 28 of May 1672, while gallantly fighting on board the flagship against the Same Dutch, he fell pierced through by a large Cannon ball. He had for his brothers besides William, who died at an Early period, Edward and Francis, both of them Captains of foot, who impatient of the vile Slavish tyrrany which at that time oppressed England, preferred Exile, if Exile, it Can be Called, to follow after a banished King—and dying, departed for their Heavenly Country, the former at Paris, and the other at the Court of the Hague."

On the top of the monument rests the cannon ball that killed

him, and above it is the inscription: "Instrumentum mortis Immorlalitatis."

Of the sons of Francis and Margaret (Bruce) Nicholls, chroniclers tell us: "Edward and Francis held military offices in the Royalist Cause, and were compelled to flee the country and never returned; that Edward died at Paris, while Francis went to the Hague, thence to the Continent of North America, which was commonly called in England at that period:—'the Indies.'"

Apropos of the foregoing are the following-named legacies excerpted from the will of Sir Wm. Craford, Kt. of Beckerings Park, Bedfordshire, dated 24 Feby, 1634, and probated 28 May, 1636, which was recently discovered on file in the Prerogative Court, Canterbury, England:

"To Margaret Bruce, wife of Francis Nicholls, £50.
"Francis Nicholls, Esq., now in the Indies, £150."

The death of Francis Nicholls, Sr., occurred in 1622; the will of his wife Margaret is dated 20 April, 1651. She appoints William Nicholls (Dean of Chester) and her "ancient servant," Thomas Green (alias Hodson), executors; she leaves all her effects to the relief of her son Francis.

That Francis Nicholls of Stratford was recognized as a military man is evidenced by the following enactment of the General Court of Connecticut in 1639:

"Ordered, that Commissioners be sent to confer with the planters of Pequonock (Stratford), to give them the oath of fidelity, and to make such free as they see fit; order them to send one or two deputies to the General Court in September and April, and for deciding of differences and controversies under 40s. among them, and give them power to choose among themselves, with liberty to appeal to the Court here, as also to assign Sergt. Nicholls to train the men and exercise them in military discipline."

When Francis Nicholls came to Stratford, Conn., he was accompanied by his four children, namely: John, Isaac and Caleb, and a daughter whose Christian name is not disclosed by the records. She married Richard Mills, one of the original proprietors of the township. Among Mr. Mills' noteworthy proprietary holdings was the beautiful elevated plateau, which

forms the southerly border of Stratford, overlooking Long Island Sound; whose waves lave its rocky outline.

Immediately upon the acquirement of the territory by Mr. Mills it was dubbed by the good townsfolk, "Mills' Lordship," a title which it bore until about a century later when, coming into the possession of the Nicoll family of Long Island, it was re-christened the "Nicoll Lordship."

Richard Mills and his wife sojourned at Stratford but a short time; eventually settling in Westchester Co., N. Y., and became the ancestors of several noted and wealthy families bearing the same patronymic; one of whom being popularly regarded at the present time as the *fin fleur* of American society.

Francis Nicholls was apparently a widower when he came to Stratford, as the records there do not make any mention of his wife. He married, however, a second time in 1645, Anna, daughter of "Dea." Barnabas Wines, of Southold, L. I., by whom he had one child, a daughter.

After Francis Nicholls' decease, which occurred in 1650, his widow was thrice married; first, to Mr. John Elton, a wealthy planter of Southold; second, to Capt. John Tooker, of Seatauket, L. I.; and third, to Col. John Youngs, son of Rev. John Youngs, the first minister at Southold.

Our authority for the latter marriage is a bond in the Southold records, for £300, executed by said Col. John Youngs, to enter into marriage with Mrs. Anna Nicholls Elton Tooker.

Anna, the daughter of Francis and Anna (Wines) Nicholls, married Christopher Youngs, Jr., nephew of her step-father number three. Francis Nicholls probably died intestate, as his will has never been found, but annexed is a copy of the inventory of his personal effects, as spread upon the probate records of Stratford:

INVENTORY

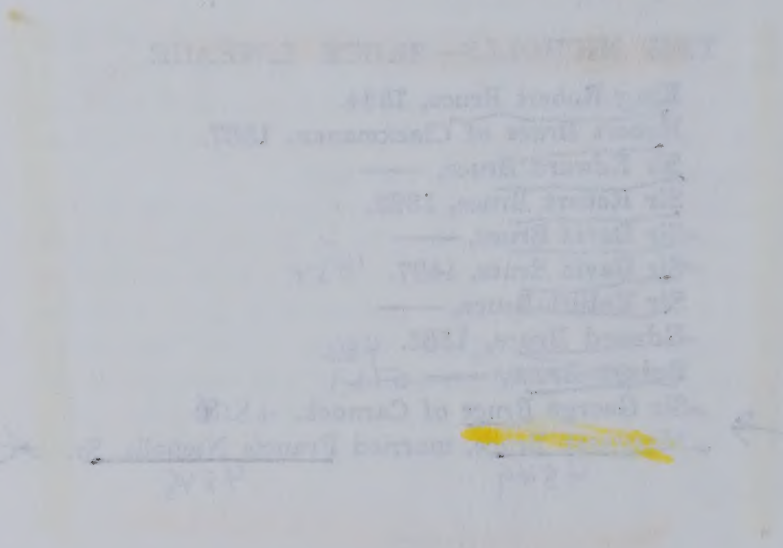
"An inventory of ye estate of Francis Nicholls, lately deceased, Jany ye 16th 1650:

	£. s. d.
Viz.: one bed, 2 pillows, four blankets	1-18-0
" four sheets	1-10-0
" two potts & kettles	1- 7-0
" all pewter	0-15-0

		£. s. d.
Viz.:	all woodenware	0- 8-0
"	white & colored linen	2- 5-0
"	nails	2-18-0
"	two shawls, 1 *coat*, *bandolier & sword*	2-16-8
"	All old iron, one firkin of soap	1-14-0
"	All — two and irons, brass	0- 2-0
"	1 Pair boots & shoes	3- 3-0
"	1 hat	0- 4-0
"	5 bushels Indian Corn	0-12-0
"	12 bushels of peas	1-16-6
"	— yards — silk	3- 1-0
"	2 jugs, 1 chest	0-18-0
"	2 tables	3- 0-0

THE NICHOLLS—BRUCE LINEAGE

King Robert Bruce, 1334.
Robert Bruce of Clackmanan, 1367.
Sir Edward Bruce, ——
Sir Robert Bruce, 1393.
Sir David Bruce, ——
Sir David Bruce, 1497. 4854
Sir Robert Bruce, ——
Edward Bruce, 1565. 4852
Robert Bruce, —— 5723
Sir George Bruce of Carnock. 4858
Margaret Bruce, married Francis Nicholls, Sr.
4849 4848



CALEB NICHOLLS AND HIS DESCENDANTS

As stated, Caleb Nicholls came to Stratford with his father and other members of the family in 1639, and about 1650 he married Ann, a daughter of Andrew and Esther Sherman Warde, of Fairfield.

He resided at Stratford until about 1670, when, with most of his family, he removed to Woodbury, Conn., although retaining all his proprietary rights at Stratford, which, together with his plantation at Woodbury (according to his last will and testament, a copy of which is subjoined), were devised to his wife and children and afforded each a handsome competency.

Caleb Nicholls evidently enjoyed the esteem of his fellow-citizens of Stratford during his protracted residence there, as on several occasions they honored him with the (in primitive days) important office of "Townsman" (Selectman); the Townsman being, as it were, the moral and economic conservator of the township.

In 1661, while an incumbent of the office in question, along with his two associates, Samuel Sherman and John Hurd, Esquires, he purchased from the Indians in behalf of the inhabitants of Stratford, a vast tract of land, a description whereof is given in the appended deed:

"This indenture made the 4th day of Dec. in the Year of Our Lord Christ one thousand, six hundred and sixty-one, between Towtanamy and his Mother, the wife of Ansantaway, being Chief Sagamore of Paugasit, on the one parte and Samuel Sherman, John Hurd and Caleb Nicholls, Townsmen, in the name of the inhabitants of the town of Stratford in the Colony of Connecticote on the other parte; Whereas the said Towtanamy is now lawfully seized to him and his hearyers and assigns forever of and to all that plot of land lying and being between the Near Milne River, commonly so-called by the English, and being bounded South and Northeast on the Stratford River (Housatonic) and West by the Bare Swamp, called by the

Indians Makaron, North East on Black Brook's mouth. Now this indenture, Witnesseth that the said Towtanamy, and in the name of all the rest of the Indians of Paugasit, for and in consideration of twelve pound worth of trading cloth and one blanket to him in hand payed before the writing hereof by the sayed Samuel Sherman, John Hurd and Caleb Nicholls, and for other considerations, him the sayd Towtanamy, thereunto moving, hath given, granted, bargained, Sould, enfœfed, confirmed, and by these presents, do give . . . to Samuel Sherman, John Hurd and Caleb Nicholls and the inhabitants of Stratford aforesayed, forever, all and every parte of the sayd parcell of the land above written, being between the Mill Rivers; and all the sayed Towtanamy's right and interest thereto."

"Signed:

"TOWTANAMY, Sagamore. (His mark.)
"ANSANTAWAY. (His mark.)
"MIKTINE. (His mark.)
"CHIPES." (His mark.)

The foregoing deed describes substantially the territory known as "Nicholls Farm," hereinafter mentioned.

WILL OF CALEB NICHOLLS

"Know ye that I, Caleb Nicoles of Woodbury, in ye County of Fairfield and in the Government of Connecticut in New England in America, now being in good health and of fast memory, and considering it the duty of every person to set his house in order before he dies, and with other good considerations me, ye said Calib, thereunto answering, do make this my last will and testament. First, I give and bequeath to my eldest son, Samuel Nicoles, and his heirs, five shillings besides what I have given him already. 2d. I give and bequeath to my eldest son's child, Josiah Nicoles, four acres of land lying upon ye Grassy Hill in Woodbury, joining and near his father's land, to him and his heirs; but if it should happen that the said Josiah should die in his minority, or, if he should not have a child of his own body to heir this land, the said land shall return to be divided with my other lands. Thirdly: I would have all my lands and meadows which are at Woodbury divided into three parts equally, both in quantity and quality, and two parts within which shall be the homestead which I now live upon, I give and bequeath to my well-beloved wife and my son Joh.

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Nicholes with the house and all other buildings upon it, ye said homestead, and a third part of ye movables. I give and bequeath to my well-beloved wife, Ann Nicoles, to have full power to dispose of when and to whom she pleaseth, but as for ye home lot and other lands before mentioned to my wife and son John, my wife Ann shall have ye housing, orchard, and garden and such other lands as she has occasion of to use, so long as she remaineth my widow, and in case this should not be enough for my wife to get her a sufficient maintainence out of, my son John shall provide his mother at such time and such necessaries as she shall have occasion for, and in case my son John faileth of supplying his mother as aforesaid, my wife Ann shall have full power to sell my several parcels of land, if it is out of lands within ye two-thirds belonging to my wife and son John, and if my wife Ann do alter her condition by marriage, then my son John shall have possession of all ye said land of his mother, had in proportion, but if my wife do marry and bury her husband and is so poore that she is willing to return to my plantation from whence she went, then my son John shall receive her and let her have which room she asketh in the dwelling house, and shall have all other privileges as she had before, in like manner it shall be; if she marry a second time my son John shall have all ye two-thirds of land in Woodbury, as aforementioned with the buildings upon it after his mother's decease. Fourthly: I give unto my son Caleb the other third part of my land and meadows at Woodbury. Fifthly: I give unto my son Abraham ten acres of land to be taken out of my two and thirty acres which is at Coram Hill near Pangasitt, in case my wife's children be gone from Woodbury and are willing to live at Stratford; then my son Abraham shall give her this land, the same in proportion and take a third part of ye land at Woodbury until such time as they shall return and ye said land at Stratford shall be equally divided between my wife and sons until they return to Woodbury. Again my wife having two-thirds of all ye rooms in ye house. Sixthly: I will have all ye debts paid out of ye remaining part of all my land and ye two parts of movables, and after my debts are paid, then I give and bequeath unto my three daughters, Mary, Anna, and Pheby, all ye rest of ye land and ye movables. If ye will be not enough to make my three daughters' possesions half as large as my three sons; then my wife and sons

shall make it so much of theirs; but if ye said land and movables do amount to more than half so much as my three sons is, then the others—shall return to my sons. Seventhly: I give and bequeath unto my sons-in-law, Moses Wheeler, John Prentice and William Martin, five shillings apiece, if they demanded it; it being in full of my daughters' portions. I do appoint my trusty friends, Mr. Zacheriah Walker, Capt. John Minor, John Sherman, to be my overseer to my will performed according to the true intent and meaning hereof, and for a confirmation of this, my last will and testament, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of ye 6th month, 1690.

"In the presence of:

"CALEB NICOLES.

"JOHN COLE.
"JOHN WILLIAMS."

Caleb Nicholls' children were:

1 Sarah, born Dec. 1, 1651. — MAR MOSES WHEELER JR
2 Ann, born March 5, 1653.
3 Esther, born Feb. 17, 1655.
4 Joseph, born Dec. 25, 1656.
5 Samuel, born March 29, 1658.
6 Andrew, born Nov. 28, 1659.
7 Abraham, born Jan. 29, 1662.
8 Abigail, born Feb. 6, 1664; married William Martin.
9 Hannah, born Aug., 1666.
10 Caleb, born Feb., 1668.
11 Phebe, born Nov. 12, 1671.
12 Mary, born —— 1673.
13 John, born —— 1676.

1 SARAH NICHOLLS. Married Moses Wheeler, Jr., of Stratford, October 20, 1674. Moses Wheeler's sister Elizabeth married (1) Samuel, son of Rev. Adam Blakeman, the first minister at Stratford; (2) Jacob, son of Robert Walker. Their daughter Mary married Abraham Wooster, and of their issue was Gen. David Wooster, an illustrious Revolutionary officer of Connecticut.

CHILDREN:

14 Moses Wheeler, born July 8, 1675.
15 Caleb Wheeler, born Jan. 20, 1676-7. } Wheeler

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16 Sarah Wheeler, born June 26, 1678.
17 Nathan Wheeler, born Jan. 31, 1680.
18 Samuel Wheeler, born Feb. 27, 1681-2.
19 James Wheeler, born Oct. 23, 1683.
20 Robert Wheeler, born May 18, 1686.
21 Elizabeth Wheeler, born Aug. 18, 1687.

Major-General Joseph Wheeler, C. S. A., U. S. A., was among the distinguished descendants of Moses and Sarah (Nicholls) Wheeler. General Wheeler's lineage is as follows:

Samuel, married (1) Mary Brinsmade, May, 1708; married (2) Lois Riggs.

James, born July, 1716; married Sarah Johnson, May 19, 1736.

Joseph, born May 2, 1748; married Lucy Smith 1773.

Joseph, born Aug. 9, 1787; married Julia Knox Hull.

Joseph, born Sept., 1736.

MAJOR-GENERAL JOSEPH WHEELER

Joseph Wheeler was born at Augusta, Ga., son of Joseph and Julia Knox (Hull) Wheeler, of Derby, Conn. Thus General Wheeler was descended in a double line from Caleb and Ann (Warde) Nicholls; his paternal ancestor being Gen. William Hull of the United States Army during the war of the Revolution.

Joseph Wheeler was graduated from the U. S. Military Academy in 1859 and assigned to the dragoons. After a year's service at the Cavalry School for practice at Carlisle, Pa., he received the full rank of second lieutenant, but on the 22d of April, 1861, resigned and entered the Confederate Army. He was made colonel of the 19th Alabama infantry on the 4th September, 1861, and served principally in the West. At Shiloh he commanded a brigade and covered the Confederate retreat from the field. In July, 1862, he was transferred to a cavalry command and engaged in raiding in western Tennessee. During the Kentucky campaign of that year he had charge of General Braxton Bragg's cavalry and fought at Green River and Perryville. He commanded the rear-guard of the Confederate Army when it retreated into Tennessee, and on October 30, 1862, was promoted brigadier-general. At

Murfreesboro he was in charge of the cavalry, and thereafter he was continuously active in contesting Gen. William Rosecrans' advance, also attacking his flanks, raiding in the rear and destroying his trains. On January 19, 1863, he received his commission as major-general and opposed the National advance on Chattanooga. He commanded the cavalry at Chickamauga and after the battle crossed Tennessee River, and fell upon Rosecrans' line of communication, defeating the force that was sent against him and destroying twelve hundred wagons with stores. On this raid he succeeded in damaging National property to the value of $3,000,000, but after losing six hundred men was driven back to northern Alabama; subsequently he took part in the siege of Knoxville and covered Braggs' retreat from Mission Ridge and Lookout Mountain. During the winter and spring he continually harassed the National troops, and on the advance of Gen. William T. Sherman's army toward Atlanta, he opposed every movement, and fought almost daily, often with his own men dismounted. During July 27-30 he fought the raiding force of Gen. George Stoneman, Gen. Kennar Garrard and Gen. Edward M. McCook, and captured many prisoners, including General Stoneman, and all the artillery and transportation. On August 9, 1864, he was sent by Gen. John B. Hood to capture the National supplies, burn bridges, and break up railways in the rear of General Sherman's army. Passing through northern Georgia he went into Tennessee as far as the Kentucky line, and thence through middle Tennessee back into northern Alabama. During this raid, which lasted one month, he was continuously engaged and ruined much property. He was unsuccessful in destroying Sherman's communications and was finally driven back by the National cavalry when the Confederate commander became convinced of the impossibility of arresting Sherman's advance. Wheeler was sent in front of the army to prevent the National troops from raiding and foraging. He then engaged in the defence of Aiken, received the thanks of the legislature of South Carolina.

General Wheeler received his promotion to the rank of lieutenant-general on February 28, 1865, and continued in charge of the cavalry under Gen. Joseph E. Johnston until the surrender in April, 1865. The death of Gen. E. B. Stewart on May 11, 1864, made him senior cavalry general of the Con-

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federate Armies. After the war he studied law, which profession and the occupation of cotton planting he followed until 1880, when he was elected to Congress as a Democrat, and took his seat December 5, 1881; but his place was successfully contested by William M. Lowe and was unseated June 3, 1882. He was re-elected to the same Congress on the death of Mr. Lowe a few months later. In May, 1898, he was made a major-general of volunteers and commanded the cavalry division of the Army of Santiago in the Spanish War, taking part in the battles of Las Guaisimus and San Juan; and was senior member of the commission which negotiated the surrender of the Spanish army and territory at Santiago. After a brief visit to the United States he was assigned to command the First Brigade Second Division of the Army in the Philippines, where he served from August, 1899, till January 24, 1900, and was retired on September 10th following.

The following tribute to Gen. Joseph Wheeler, clipped from the New York *Times*, tersely sums up the character of the man.

A NATIONAL LEADER

"Peace hath her victories
No less renowned than war."

Gen. Joseph Wheeler was a great and natural leader, and his achievements were of no less renown in peace than in war. Distinguished as a soldier and as a commander of dashing intrepidity, yet with cool and decisive judgment, he won even greater laurels in civil life. For his work as a statesman is worthy of the highest commendation—not alone on account of its intrinsic merits, but because of its influence in the unification of a divided country. As a member of Congress he exerted a distinct and potent revitalizing influence in the restoration of peace, order, and security; and his work as a citizen—calm, forceful, just, patriotic—was no less effective. And when the war with Spain broke out his prompt offer of military service served to align the whole South in the cause of Cuba.

It was not so much the progress of events as the character and virtues of the Southern men which effected the complete restoration of the Union and the extinction of civil strife. The broad and conservative action, the exalted patriotism and sense

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of duty displayed by a class of men of whom General Wheeler was an acknowledged leader, served to coalesce the divided elements of the North and South.

General Wheeler was a member of a brilliant coterie of Southern men who have come to New York or its vicinity to engage in various lines of work or to enjoy well-earned repose. These men have exerted in metropolitan life a distinct and ennobling influence—an exalted sense of duty, justice, and honor—the cardinal principles of the old yet still vital Southern chivalry.

GEORGE ALLEN BENHAM.

Cortland, N. Y., January 27, 1906.

Sarah, a daughter of Capt. James Wheeler, great grandson of Caleb and Ann (Warde) Nicholls, married Stephen Whitney, grandfather of the eminent New York merchant, Stephen Whitney, of the last century.

HON. NATHANIEL WHEELER

Nathaniel Wheeler, of Bridgeport, Conn., was born at Watertown, Conn., September 7, 1820; son of David and Sarah (De Forest) Wheeler, and descended from Moses, Jr., and Sarah (Nicholls) Wheeler

Nathaniel Wheeler was the chief organizer of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company in October, 1853; and was made its general manager. In 1855 he was elected its president, retaining the office until his death, which occurred December 3, 1893.

Nathaniel Wheeler was justly regarded as the most active and public-spirited of Bridgeport's citizens during a long residence there, and although he never aspired to political preferment, was several times chosen to represent Bridgeport in both the upper and lower houses of the State legislature. He was one of the commissioners appointed to design and supervise the construction of the State capitol at Hartford; was a director of the City National Bank; an incorporator of the People's Savings Bank; vice-president of the Board of Education of Bridgeport and a director of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

Nathaniel Wheeler was twice married. First to Miss Hulda

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Bradley, of Watertown, Conn., by whom he had issue: Martha, Samuel H., and Ellen B.; the latter married Edward W. Harral, of Bridgeport. He married, second, Mary E. Crissy, by whom he had issue: Harry DeForest, William Bishop, Archer Crissy, and Harry Penoyer.

After Mr. Wheeler's death his son, Samuel H., succeeded to the presidency and general management of the Company; which position he retained until its recent consolidation with the Singer Sewing Machine Company.

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3 ESTHER NICHOLLS. Married John Prentice, of Woodbury; subsequently of New London, where he was commander of the fort from 1692 to 1702. High sheriff of New London County in 1706 and county surveyor for many years. He was also a shipowner and master; his vessels besides being engaged in foreign and domestic commerce were frequently enlisted in patriotic enterprises in behalf of the Colony.

5 SAMUEL NICHOLLS. Married Susan, widow of Thomas Fairchild. He died in 1691 at Woodbury.

CHILDREN:

22 Josiah, born July 25, 1687.
23 Andrew, baptized March 16, 1688.

7 ABRAHAM NICHOLLS. Married December 3, 1684, Rachel, daughter of Daniel and —— Kellogg, of Norwalk, Conn. He did not accompany the family to Woodbury; remaining at Stratford to supervise his father's plantation and proprietary interests there, a large portion of which, comprising several thousand acres coming to him by inheritance, and which acreage was greatly augmented during his lifetime by proprietary distribution.

About 1700 Abraham Nicholls erected for himself a homestead upon his lordly domain, and which, according to the description vouchsafed by persons now living, who chanced to view it while yet standing in the early part of the nineteenth century, was an immense gambrel-roofed structure of a rambling style of architecture, situated upon an eminence, affording an unobstructed vista of the surrounding landscape and at the southward, about four miles distant, the shimmering bosom

of Long Island Sound. There it stood for decades, without a neighboring habitation within a circuit of several miles; while the sepulchral quietude of its surroundings was rarely broken, even by the echo of a sound adequate to dispel the day dreams, or waken the nocturnal slumbers of its peaceful inhabitants, save that of the casual lowing of kine, the appealing cadence of the whip-poor-will at nightfall, or the grewsome howling of wolves.

After Abraham Nicholls' decease the broad acreage was duly apportioned to his heirs, who in turn builded their own homesteads thereon, and selling portions of their heritage to others for a like purpose, thus the section now known as the Village of Nichols soon became a populous center, and is regarded by the esthetic as one of the ideal village sites of southern Connecticut. The naming of the vast territory "Nicholls' Farm" was coeval with its acquirement by Abraham Nicholls.

The original homestead house was last occupied by Abraham Nicholls' great grandson, Hezekiah Nicholls, Esq., but at his decease, along with its capacious slave quarters, the venerable gambrel-roofed manse was taken down, and with it the estate lost, to use a simile, its prestige as a "manor."

The homestead site is in the possession of a scion of Abraham Nicholls, Mrs. Charles S. French, who resides thereon.

It is a subject of profound regret on the part of many of the descendants of Abraham Nicholls that neither his will nor the inventory of his estate can be found of record.

CHILDREN:

24 Joseph, born Sept. 21, 1685.
25 Daniel, born April 7, 1687.
26 Hester, born Oct. 31, 1689; married Elnathan Peet.
27 Rachel, born Nov. 9, 1691; married Ephraim Booth.
28 Abraham, born Sept. 15, 1696.
29 Avis, born Nov. 7, 1698. } Twins.
30 Eunice, baptized Dec. 7, 1698 }
31 Ruth, born March, 1701.
32 Phebe, born July 22, 1703.

10 CALEB NICHOLLS. Went with the family to Woodbury, where he died, unmarried, April 14, 1706. In his will, dated March 6th, of the same year, he appoints his

brothers, Abraham and John, executors, and to whom, together with his sisters, Abigail, Martin, Mary Hull, Phebe Knell, and Hannah (Anna) Nichols, he bequeaths legacies.

11 PHEBE NICHOLLS. Married Isaac, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth Newman Knell, of Stratford. His mother was a daughter of Governor Francis Newman of the New Haven Colony.

12 MARY NICHOLLS. Married Joseph Hull, of Derby, Conn., January 20, 1691; died April 5, 1733.

CHILDREN:

33 Daniel Hull, born Nov. 15, 1692.
34 Mary Hull, born Aug. 2, 1693.
35 Joseph Hull, born May 28, 1694.
36 Caleb Hull, born Feb. 7, 1696.
37 Andrew Hull, born July 13, 1698.
38 Mary Hull, born Sept. 13, 1699.
39 Sarah Hull, born Aug. 13, 1701.
40 Obiah Hull, born Dec., 1703.

13 JOHN NICHOLLS. Married Jane, daughter of John and Mary (Brinsmade) Bostwick, of Hartford. They resided at Woodbury, where he died in 1727.

CHILDREN:

41 Sarah, baptized March, 1707.
42 Caleb, born Dec., 1708; died young.
43 John, born April, 1711.
44 Caleb, born March 18, 1713.
45 Andrew, born Oct. 6, 1715.
46 Joseph, born June 28, 1718.
47 Mary, born July 7, 1720.
48 Phebe, born ——, 1722; married Elisha Baker.
49 Samuel, born March 10, 1724.

Mary, sister of Elisha Baker, married Joseph Allen, and one of their children was Ethan Allen—thus Phebe (Nicholls) Baker became aunt to the illustrious hero of "Ticonderoga and Crown Point."

22 JOSIAH NICHOLLS. Married Mabel, widow of John Griswold, and sister of Rev. Daniel Boardman, of New

Milford. She was aunt to U. S. Senator Elijah Boardman. Josiah Nicholls resided in Danbury.

24 JOSEPH NICHOLLS (CAPT.). Married Mary, daughter of "The Worshipful" Joseph and Bethia (Boothe) Curtiss, December 26, 1704. Joseph, being the eldest son, succeeded to the homestead at the manor of Nicholls' Farm and was one of its most prominent and wealthy citizens. In 1738 he was appointed by the General Court captain of the Fourth Regiment or "train band" of the town of Stratford. After his decease his widow married Henry Hawley, Esq. Had issue by first wife only.

CHILDREN:

50 John, born May 9, 1705.
51 Mary, born June 7, 1707.
52 Nathan, born Dec. 1, 1709.
53 Joseph, born June 16, 1712.
54 Abigail, born Jan. 1, 1715.
55 Sarah, born June 9, 1717; married Ebenezer Beecher.
56 Eunice, born Oct. 1, 1719.
57 Elizabeth; married John French.
58 Martha.
59 Andrew, baptized Jan., 1723-24.

WILL OF CAPTAIN JOSEPH NICHOLLS

"In the name of God, amen, this 14th day of September, Anno Domini, 1742, I, Joseph Nichols, of ye parish of Unity in ye bounds of Stratford in ye County of Fairfield and in ye Colony of Connecticut in New England, being very sick of body but of sound mind and calling to mind yt. it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament.

In primis, I give my soul unto ye hands of God, yt. gave it, and my body I reccomend unto ye earth, to be buried in Christian decent burial at ye direction of my executors hereafter named and as to what worldly estate it has pleased God to bless me with here in this life I give and dispose of yt. same in ye following manner and form: My just debts and funeral charges being first satisfied and paid as hereafter mentioned, my Will is that thirty pounds money be paid out of my movable estate of the rate of old tenor money, bills of credit, for ye

payment of my just debts and for ye payment of ye remaining part of my debts, I order and impower my executors in this Will hereafter named, to sell as much of my land at Booth's Hill, so-called, lying at ye southward part of sd. Hill in sd. Stratford to be by them sold for ye payment of my remaining debts aforesaid and said land of which I hereby order part of ye whole to be sold as need may be and is bounded West by ye East stream of Pequannuck River, South by my son John Nichols, East by a brook parting Quimby's Hill and Booth's Hill and is in quantity about fifty acres, be ye same more or less.

Item.—I give unto Mary, my well-beloved wife, ye one-half of my moveable estate to use and dispose of as she shall see cause, after ye above first thirty pounds is paid for ye payment of part of said debts, and also ye use and improvement of one-third part of my present dwelling house and one-third part of my barn near said house during her natural life and also ye improvement and use of one-third part of my land joining to said house, called my homestead and ye liberty of getting one load of salt hay during her natural life.

Item.—I give unto my son, John Nichols, and unto his heirs and assigns forever, ye equal half of my salt meadows lying in ye great meadow so-called on ye west side of my lot there and also five acres of land lying on Elders Hill, so-called, joining to Israel Beach's land in ye bound of Stratford, and also twenty acres of land lying on Walker's Hill, so-called, in ye bounds of said Stratford on ye north side of my lot there, ye lots of mine of which ye given premises is a part are bounded as appear of Stratford records.

Item.—I give unto my son, Nathan Nichols, and unto his heirs and assigns forever ye several tracts of land meadow and sedge hereafter mentioned, lying in ye bounds of Stratford, namely, viz.; Twenty acres of land lying at Booth's Hill, so-called, and is bounded West by the east stream of Pequannuck River, North by ye Donee's land and South by my own land, yt. I may dispose of in this instrument, and East on ye brook parting Booth's Hill and Quimby's Hill, and one-half of my salt meadow in ye great meadow on ye east side of my lot there —and also two acres of sedge at ye rear of ye lot purchased of Brinsmade.

Item.—I give unto my son, Joseph Nichols, of said Strat-

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ford, and unto his heirs and assigns forever, ye several tracts of land and meadow hereafter mentioned all lying in ye bounds of said Stratford, namely, twenty acres of land lying on Walker's Hill, so-called, lying south of what I have above in this instrument given to my son, John Nichols, and ye equal half of one acre and a quarter of salt meadow called Brinsmade meadow, and one-half of ye sedge there at ye rear of said meadow.

Item.—I give unto my son, Andrew Nichols, unto his heirs and assigns forever, ye several tracts of land, meadow and sedge hereafter mentioned, namely: Ye whole of my land called my homestead land and joining to my present dwelling house and my house and barn standing thereon, two-thirds of which is to be enjoyed by my said son, Andrew, immediately at my death, with two-thirds of ye buildings and ye other third to be enjoyed by him after my wife's decease, and also ye remainder of my land at Walker's Hill that is not before in this instrument disposed of, and ye equal half of one acre and a quarter of meadow called Brinsmade meadow, and one half of the sedge there at ye rear of said meadow.

Item.—I also give to my four sons before-named and to their heirs and assigns forever, all my meadow in Misha Hill pond meadows, so-called, to be divided between them in equal shares among them, all my aforesaid sons living in ye bounds of said Stratford and ye given premises lying in said boundaries.

Item.—I give unto my daughter, Mary Pixlee, wife of Peter Pixlee, five pounds out of my estate after ye rate of old tenor bills having given her at marriage what portion I thought convenient.

Item.—I give unto my daughter, Abigail Shelton, wife of Samuel Shelton, of said Stratford, five pounds out of my estate after ye rate of old tenor money bills.

Item.—I give unto my daughter Eunice, wife of Josiah Shelton, of said Stratford, five pounds out of my estate after ye rate of old tenor money bills.

Item.—I give unto my daughter Betty, those goods she formerly received and those goods in my custody, prepared for her, an addition more of fifty pounds out of my estate after ye rate of old tenor bills as a compleating of her portion.

Item.—I give unto my daughter, Sarah Nichols, of Stratford, as her portion, one hundred and fifty pounds money after ye

rate of old money bills to be paid her of ye sale of land which I shall order my executors, hereafter named, to sell and also what goods she hath by her industry gained.

Item.—I give unto my daughter, Martha Nichols, of said Stratford, one hundred and fifty pounds to be paid her out of ye sale of my land hereafter-mentioned, to be sold by my executors, hereafter named, and if there be not sufficient to make ye said sum, then to be allowed of ye moveables, and said one hundred and fifty pounds is to be understood after ye rate of old tenor money bills as compleating her portion.

I do constitute and appoint my two sons, John Nichols and Nathan Nichols, aforesaid, to be sole executors of this my last Will and Testament, disallowing and revoking all other wills by me before made, confirming, ratifying this, giving my said executors ye full power of ye selling of ye land on Booth's Hill not before disposed of for ye payment of said legacies and debts, and if there shall be a surplusage more than to pay said debts and legacies, I freely give the same to Mary, my said wife, to dispose of ye same as she shall see cause. Ratifying this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness and confirmation hereof I set to my hand and seal in Stratford ye day and date first-mentioned. Interlined before signing ye words " ye equal half of lot not before disposed of," "but of sound mind." "Wife of Peter Pixlee, of said Stratford."

JOSEPH NICHOLS. [SEAL.]

Signed, sealed, published and
declared in presence of:
JOHN THOMPSON.
DANIEL CURTIS.
THOMAS PEET.

25 DANIEL NICHOLLS. Married Hannah Peet. His will was dated May 4, 1740.

CHILDREN:

60 Samuel.
61 Daniel.
62 Nathan Peet, baptized July, 1725.
63 Rachel; married Isaac Jackson.

28 ABRAHAM NICHOLLS. Married Abigail, daughter of "Dea" Robert and Ruth (Wilcoxon) Walker. She was great-great-granddaughter of Robert Walker, one of the founders of the Old South Church of Boston; she was also aunt to Gen. Joseph Walker, one of Connecticut's most illustrious soldiers in the Revolutionary war.

CHILDREN:

64 Hester, born Sept. 16, 1719.
65 Ruth, born Dec., 1722; married John Hatch.
66 Abraham, baptized Sept. 12, 1731.
67 Robert, born Feb. 1, 1734.

35 JOSEPH HULL. Married Sarah, daughter of Deacon Daniel Bennett, of Derby. This was the Deacon Bennett who entertained at breakfast General Lafayette and his officers while his army was en route from Rhode Island to join Washington's forces at the Highlands.

CHILDREN:

68 Sarah Hull, born Sept. 7, 1726.
69 Joseph Hull, born Feb. 18, 1728.
70 Elizabeth Hull, born Sept. 18, 1731.
71 Anna Hull, born June 9, 1736.

36 CALEB HULL. Settled in Cheshire, Conn. He was ancestor of Rear-Admiral Andrew Hull Foot, U. S. N., whose lineage is as follows: Mary, daughter of Caleb and Ann (Warde) Nicholls; married Joseph Hull, of Derby, Conn.; and had Caleb, who married Mercy Benham; and had Andrew, who married Lowly Cook; and had Andrew (General), who married Elizabeth Mary Ann, daughter of Reuben Atwater, of Cheshire, and had Eudocia, who married Samuel Augustus Foot.

HON. SAMUEL AUGUSTUS FOOT

Samuel Augustus Foot was a member of the 16th, 18th and 23d Congresses; U. S. Senator, 1827-33; Governor of Connecticut, 1834-35, and Presidential Elector in 1844.

In the U. S. Senate, December 29, 1829, he was the member

who introduced the resolution instructing the "Committee on public lands" to enquire into the expediency of limiting the sale of public lands, etc. This resolution incensed some of the Southern and Western Senators, and was the object which inspired the memorable debate between Webster and Hayne, and which involved the right of secession.

REAR-ADMIRAL ANDREW HULL FOOT

Andrew Hull Foot was born at New Haven, September 12, 1806. He was a cadet in the U. S. Military Academy in 1822, and left on December of the same year to enter the naval service as midshipman. He was assigned to the U. S. schooner *Grampus* of the West Indian Squadron, operating against piratical craft engaged in annoying American commerce. In December, 1823, he was transferred to the *Peacock*, and sailed March 29, 1824, to the Pacific. While with the squadron he was transferred to the frigate *United States*. In 1827 he was again with the West Indian Squadron, having been assigned to the *Natches*, and shortly after transferred to the *Hornet*. He was promoted lieutenant December 9, 1831, and ordered to the *Delaware* July 30, 1833; sailing her to the Mediterranean; was made commander in 1856. He commanded the Brooklyn Navy Yard in 1858-60, and the U. S. Navy, operating in conjunction with Fremont's Army, 1861-2; helping to build and equip the light draft gunboats. Part of his flotilla, under Commander Walker, assisted General Grant in landing the troops and capturing Camp Belmont, November 7, 1861, and saved the army from being captured in the retreat when the Confederates were re-enforced.

At Fort Henry, February 6, 1862, he led the gunboats in the attack, and captured the fort before the arrival of Grant's troops. On February 14th, he took part in the reduction of Fort Donelson. On the 14th he arrived with six other gunboats and commenced a brisk cannonade which was so effectually replied to as to force him to retire to long-range, while Grant surrounded the fort; cut off retreat and received the capitulation of the fort. He returned to Cairo on the morning of the 15th, where he received the news of the surrender on February 17th.

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He subsequently participated in a number of other important engagements, but on account of the serious character of his wounds and exposure was retired from active duty, and on the 30th of July, 1862, was raised to the rank of rear-admiral.

He received the thanks of Congress and of the State legislatures, and was presented with a sword by the citizens of Brooklyn, N. Y. On the 4th of June, 1863, he was appointed commander of the South Atlantic blockading squadron to succeed Rear-Admiral Dupont, and died while en route to assume command.

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39 SARAH HULL. Married, first, William Beach, Esq., of Stratford; second, Rev. Samuel Johnson, D. D., whose first wife was Charity, widow of William Nicoll, of Islip, L. I., and daughter of Richard Floyd, Esq., of Brookhaven, L. I., who was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

William Nicoll was grandson of Matthias Nicoll,* the first English Secretary of the Colony of New York under Governor Richard Nicholls.

Rev. Samuel Johnson was the first president of Kings (Columbia) College, of New York, and father of William Samuel Johnson, the noted Connecticut statesman, whose wife was Anne, daughter of his step-parents, William and Sarah (Hull) Beach. Samuel W., their son, married, November 27, 1791, Susan, daughter of Pierrepont Edwards, of New Haven.

The Johnson homestead at Stratford, erected by Rev. Samuel Johnson, is still standing, and occupied in the summer season by Mrs. Susan Edwards Johnson Hudson, of New York. Mrs. Hudson is great-granddaughter of Hon. William Samuel Johnson, the Connecticut statesman, and great-great-great-granddaughter of William and Sarah (Hull) Beach; the latter being daughter of Joseph and Mary (Nicholls) Hull, and granddaughter of Caleb and Ann (Warde) Nicholls. Mrs. Hudson is Regent of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association for Connecticut and also its general secretary.

43 JOHN NICHOLLS. Married, first, February 2,

* No kinship has been proven to exist between Governor Richard Nicholls and his Secretary of the Province of New York, Matthias Nicoll, who came from Islip, England.

1732-3, Elizabeth, daughter of William and Martha (Judson) Preston; second, Abigail, daughter of Jonathan and Mary Mitchell Judson; third, Mary, daughter of Sergeant Isaac Smith.

William Preston was a leading figure in the Colony; was a member of the General Court thirty-five sessions and attained to the rank of colonel in the militia; was justice of the quorum eleven years, and upon the formation of the new County of Litchfield in 1751 was appointed its first judge, which office he held for several years, or until his death.

CHILDREN, by first wife:

Elizabeth, born Feb. 9, 1733.

CHILDREN, by second wife:

72 Andrew, born Oct., 1736.
73 Caleb, born Aug. 7, 1738.
74 Ann, born June, 1741.
75 Elisha, born April 7, 1743.
76 Sarah, baptized April 10, 1748.

CHILDREN, by third wife:

77 Elisha, baptized Aug. 7, 1757.
78 Mary, baptized May 2, 1758.
79 Susanna, baptized Oct. 20, 1751.
80 Anna, baptized Jan. 29, 1766.

46 JOSEPH NICHOLLS. Married Phebe Smith in 1737. He graduated from Yale College in 1756, but did not prepare for any profession. He was a member of the General Assembly in 1739. He died in 1760 at Nicholls' farm, where he had resided the greater portion of his life.

50 JOHN NICHOLLS. Married Bathsheba, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Stiles) Welles. Her father was second in descent from Governor Thomas Welles, of Connecticut.

81 Ephriam, born Dec. 8, 1727.
82 Ann, born Sept. 26, 1730.
83 Bathsheba, born March 8, 1731.
84 Anna, baptized March 31, 1734.
85 Abiah, born July 24, 1735.

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86 Naomi, born Nov. 12, 1736.
87 Eunice, baptized Oct. 14, 1738.
88 Beulah, born March 23, 1740.
89 Martha, born April 5, 1742.
90 Sarah, born Aug. 28, 1743.
91 Jerusha, born March 5, 1750.

51 MARY NICHOLLS. Married Peter Pixlee, Esq., of Old Mill, Stratford.

CHILDREN:

92 Eunice Pixlee, baptized May, 1729.
93 Huldah Pixlee, baptized Aug., 1731; married (1) Jeremiah Judson; (2) Stephen Burroughs, Esq.
94 William Pixlee, baptized May, 1734.
95 David Pixlee, baptized Nov., 1742.
96 Mary Pixlee, baptized Feb., 1750.

Pixlee Judson, grandson of Jeremiah and Huldah (Pixlee) Judson, married Catherine Isabella, daughter of Isaac Nichols, Esq., and had, among other issue: David Judson, who married Phebe, daughter of Agur and Charity (Birdsey) Lewis. Their children were:

97 Mary Lewis Judson; married Dr. Edward Hitchcock, of Amherst, Mass., son of Professor Edward Hitchcock, D. D., LL. D., president of Amherst College. She is the distinguished author of the Hitchcock Genealogy.
98 Caroline Judson.
99 Lewis Henry Judson.
100 Charles Frederick Judson.
101 Charles Nichols Judson.
102 Pixlee Judson.

52 NATHAN NICHOLLS (LIEUT.). Married (1) Patience Hubbell, December 4, 1740; (2) Elizabeth.—He resided at Booth's Hill, Trumbull. He was appointed by the General Court, lieutenant of the train band of the town of Trumbull, and was also a member of the "Committee of Safety" during the Revolution.

CHILDREN:

103 David, born Sept. 21, 1741.
104 James, born Aug. 30, 1743.

105 Nathan.
106 Abijah.
107 Eunice; married Eliakim Walker.
108 Patience, born Jan. 24, 1762; married Andrew Curtis.

Miss Martha Edwards Beach, a lady of culture and distinguished artistic tastes, of Bridgeport; Frederick C. Nichols, also of Bridgeport, and Judge David A. Nichols, of Monroe, Conn., are lineal descendants of Lieut. Nathan and Patience (Hubbell) Nicholls.

53 JOSEPH NICHOLLS. Married Abigail Edwards, September 17, 1741.

CHILDREN:

109 Mary, born March 25, 1742-3.
110 Abigail, born Dec. 11, 1744; married —— Stilson.
111 Joseph.
112 Betty, born Nov. 6, 1748.
113 Eunice, born March, 1751.

54 ABIGAIL NICHOLLS. Married Samuel, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Welles) Shelton. They resided at Huntington. She died February 21, 1794.

CHILDREN:

114 Mary, born Feb. 13, 1735-6; married Hezekiah Beach.
115 Daniel, born April 26, 1737; married Mehitable Shelton.
116 Samuel, born Aug. 24, 1738; married Tabitha Boothe.
117 Elizabeth, born Feb. 13, 1739; married Nathan Clark.
118 David, born June 16, 1741; married Elizabeth Masters.
119 Abigail, born Dec. 29, 1742; married Amos Burr.
120 Joseph, born Feb. 2, 1744.
121 Andrew, born Nov. 26, 1746; married Sarah Boothe.
122 Sarah, born July 19, 1748; married Samuel Boothe.
123 Ann, born Feb. 7, 1749.
124 Philo, born March 4, 1754.
125 Isaac Wells, born March 11, 1756; married Martha Shelton.
126 Agur.

56 EUNICE NICHOLLS. Married Josiah, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Welles) Shelton, May 17, 1737. They lived at Huntington.

CHILDREN:

127 Charity Shelton, born 1737.
128 Eunice Shelton, born ——; married David Wakelee.

59 ANDREW NICHOLLS. Married Abiah, daughter of Noah and Abiah (Platt) Plumb, of Nicholls' Farm, December 23, 1760. Noah Plumb was one of the most opulent and influential citizens of the township.

CHILDREN:

129 Isaac.
130 Robert, born May 12, 1764.
131 Sarah, born 1765.
132 Abiah, born Feb. 11, 1768; married Phillip Nicholls.
133 Mary, born 1770; married Nathan Nicholls.
134 Silas, born July 15, 1772.
135 Martha, born 1774
136 John, born July 22, 1777.
137 Hezekiah, born 1781.

60 SAMUEL NICHOLLS. Married, (1) Hannah ——; (2) Comfort Mansfield, of New Haven, October 19, 1741.

CHILDREN, by first wife:

138 Mabel, baptized March 31, 1733.
139 Rachel, baptized Oct. 14, 1735.
140 Elnathan, baptized June 19, 1737.
141 Benjamin, born June 15, 1739.

CHILDREN, by second wife:

142 Mansfield, baptized 1744.
143 Esther, baptized 1747.
144 Elijah, baptized 1749.

61 DANIEL NICHOLLS. Married Jemimah ——.

CHILDREN:

145 Caleb, baptized July, 1738.
146 Daniel, baptized Aug. 19, 1740.

62 NATHAN PEET NICHOLLS. Married Hannah Edwards Booth, November 5, 1747.

CHILDREN:

147 William, born May 8, 1750.
148 Isabel, born March 28, 1753.
149 Isaac, born May 24, 1754.
150 Gershim, born May, 1756.

69 JOSEPH HULL (CAPT.). Married, May 13, 1750, Elizabeth, daughter of William Clark, of Derby.

CHILDREN:

151 Joseph Hull, born Oct. 27, 1750.
152 William Hull, born June 24, 1753.
153 Samuel Hull, born Aug. 5, 1755.
154 Elizabeth Hull, born Jan. 20, 1759.
155 Isaac Hull, born Dec. 28, 1760.
156 David Hull, born March 27, 1765.
157 Sarah Hull, born Jan. 6, 1769.
158 Levi Hull, born April 29, 1771.

81 EPHRAIM NICHOLLS married Esther, daughter of Deacon Thomas and Phebe (Nicholls) Peet, July 31, 1751. The family resided in Newfield (North Bridgeport) until about 1775, when they removed to Pawling, N. Y.

CHILDREN:

159 John, born March, 1752.
160 Ephraim, born June 5, 1753.
161 Anna, baptised Jan. 2, 1757.
162 Joseph, baptised Aug. 25, 1759.
163 Elijah, baptised July 17, 1763.
164 Esther, born Oct., 1764.
165 Agur, born Aug., 1768.
166 Reuben, baptised July 1, 1770.

103 DAVID NICHOLS married Hannah Beach, January 14, 1761. They resided in Newfield, now North Bridgeport.

CHILDREN:

167 Stiles, born Aug. 13, 1761.
168 Philip, born May, 1763.
169 Comphe, born Aug., 1765.

170 David, born March, 1770.
171 Elizabeth, born Jan. 29, 1775.
172 Hannah, born Mar. 16, 1777.

104 JAMES NICHOLS married Phebe, daughter of Noah and Abiah (Platt) Plumb, of Nicholls' Farm, Mar. 17, 1762.

Children:

175 Hulda, born April, 1763.
176 Philo, born Aug., 1765.
177 Anna, born Oct. 25, 1767.
178 James, born Apr. 21, 1772.
179 Noah, born April, 1774.
180 Phebe, born April, 1777.
181 Abijah, baptised May 4, 1788.

105 NATHAN NICHOLS married Phebe ——.

Children:

182 Eunice, baptised July 3, 1768.
183 Nathan, born Aug., 1771.
184 John, born July, 1775.
185 Nathan, baptised May, 1778.

124 PHILO SHELTON was graduated from Yale College in 1775; studied theology and was the first clergyman Episcopally ordained in the United States, August 3, 1785, by Bishop Seabury.

Among Mr. Shelton's first pastoral charges were those of Fairfield, Bridgeport and Weston; dividing his time between them; his Bridgeport charge was St. John's church, but resigning from that pastorate in 1824, he confined his labors to the church in Fairfield, but did not long survive the change, as he died the following year.

Bishop Brownell thus gracefully sums up the inherent qualities of Rev. Philo Shelton: "For simplicity of character, amiable manners, unaffected piety and a faithful devotion to the duties of the ministerial office, he has left an example by which all his surviving brethren may profit, and which few may hope to surpass."

An autograph copy of a sermon by the Rev. Philo Shelton

attracted much attention among the Colonial exhibits at the Atlanta Cotton States Exposition a few years ago, and later at a notable historical exhibition in New York City, under the auspices of the New York City Chapter D. A. R.

Mr. Shelton was buried in the Stratfield cemetery, Bridgeport. A tablet in the wall of St. John's church bears affectionate testimony to his Christian worth and his fidelity to his holy calling.

Two of his sons entered the ministry, George Augustus, the younger, graduated from Yale College and became rector of St. James' church, Newtown, Long Island. William, another son, succeeded his father at Fairfield for a time, and then become the founder of St. Paul's church in the city of Buffalo, N. Y., the oldest parish in the city; of which he was rector more than half a century.

The homestead of Rev. Philo Shelton, situated on Fairfield avenue, Bridgeport, is still standing, and preserving almost in their entirety its primitive architectural characteristics; and is occupied by Rev. Mr. Shelton's great grandson, Hamilton Shelton, Esq., vice-president of the Connecticut National Bank of Bridgeport.

127 CHARITY SHELTON married Beach Tomlinson, Esq., who was great uncle of Hon. Gideon Tomlinson, Governor of Connecticut from 1827 for four years, and United States Senator for six years.

Hon. Gideon Tomlinson married Sarah Bradley of Greenfield Hill, by whom he had only one child, a son, who died unmarried, aged twenty years.

Governor Tomlinson left no descendants.

130 ROBERT NICHOLLS married (1) Anna Hawley, (2) Johanna, daughter of Abijah and Abiah (Ufford) Peet.

CHILDREN, by first wife:

186 Amelia, born Dec. 23, 1783.
187 Charles, born June 1, 1786.
188 Ira, born April 6, 1789; married Hulda Edwards.

CHILDREN, by second wife:

189 Abijah Moss, born Jan. 27, 1792.

190 Andrew Sension, born Feb. 22, 1793.
191 Prosper, born Jan. 6, 1795; married Lucy Curtiss.
192 Charles Lewis, born Oct. 13, 1800.

Lucius Curtiss Nicholls, son of Prosper (No. 191) and Lucy (Curtiss) Nicholls, is a leading and highly esteemed citizen of Nichols, where he was born May 6, 1828. Mr. Nicholls exemplifies in personality all the traditional courtliness and urbanity of his forebears of the "Manor."

135 MARTHA NICHOLLS married about 1800, Col. Lewis Fairchild, of Nicholls' Farm. He was one of its most prominent and substantial citizens. He was in direct line from Thomas Fairchild, the first of the name of Stratford.

193 Bryant Fairchild, born 1801.
194 Betsey Fairchild, born 1806.
195 Daniel Fairchild, born ——.
196 Plumb Nichols Fairchild.
197 Le Grand Fairchild.
198 Sarah Ann Fairchild.
199 Celina Abiah Fairchild.
200 Juliet F. Fairchild.

137 HEZEKIAH NICHOLLS married (1) Prudence Shelton; (2) Avis Peet. He succeeded to the homestead at Nicholls' Farm.

CHILDREN, by first wife:

201 Norton.
202 Lucinda.

CHILDREN, by second wife:

203 Polly Serena.
204 Hezekiah Shelton.
205 William Grandirson.
206 Mary.
207 Harriet.
208 George Kneeland.
209 David.
210 James Kant.
211 Lavinia.

151 JOSEPH HULL married first, ——; second, ——. He entered the army in 1776 as a lieutenant of artillery; was prisoner at the capture of Fort Washington, and was exchanged after much suffering.

CHILDREN:

212 Joseph Hull, born Mar. 9, 1771.
213 Levi Hull, born 1773.
214 Isaac Hull, born 1775.
215 William Hull, born 1781.
216 Daniel Hull, born 1784.
217 Henry Hull, born 1788.
218 Charles Hull, born 1792.

152 WILLIAM HULL married Sarah, only daughter of Hon. Abraham Fuller, of Newton, Mass.

CHILDREN:

219 Sarah Hull, born Jan. 29, 1783; married John McKesson, of New York.
220 Eliza Hull, born Jan. 22, 1784; married Isaac McLellan, of Portland, Maine.
221 Ann Binney Hull, born June 19, 1787.
222 Maria Hull, born June 7, 1788.
223 Rebecca Parker Hull, born Feb. 7, 1790; married Samuel Clarke, of Newton, Mass. They were parents of Rev. James Freeman Clarke of Boston.
224 Caroline Hull, born Apr. 30, 1793.
225 Julia Knox Hull, born 1795; married Joseph Wheeler, of Augusta, Ga. They were parents of Major General Joseph Wheeler, C. S. A., U. S. A.

GENERAL WILLIAM HULL

William Hull was chosen captain of a company of soldiers raised in Derby, his native town; joined the army at Cambridge and served under Washington during the campaign in New Jersey, being promoted to the rank of major, and afterwards lieutenant-colonel; was inspector of the army under Baron Steuben, and on the occasion of Washington's farewell

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to his soldiers, commanded the escort of the commander-in-chief; fought in the battles of White Plains, Stillwater, Saratoga, Fort Stanwix and Stony Point, and those in New Jersey.

In 1796 he was appointed Major-General of the militia of Massachusetts. In 1805 President Jefferson appointed him Governor of the territory of Michigan, which office he held until the accession of Lewis Cass in 1812.

At the beginning of the second war with Great Britain General Hull was appointed commander of the North Western Army. By a series of misunderstandings and complications arising from incompetency at the seat of government, he was forced to surrender, August 5, 1812, to the British General, Brock.

"History shows," says another, "that *the American commander fell a victim to the conditions indicated and was made a scapegoat for the powers above him.* He was tried by a court-martial in 1814 and actually sentenced to be shot; but on account of his distinguished military services, and advanced age he was recommended to mercy and the President, while approving the sentence, remitted its execution."

"As a matter of fact, Hull's army, which had marched from Urbana, Ohio, through the wilderness to Detroit, was an insufficient force; only one-third that of General Brock, while owing to an armistice which had been entered into by General Dearborn on the Niagara, the entire enemy could be employed against him. The British commanded Lake Erie and a part of Hull's own force under Colonels Case and McArthur had been taken from him. Faced by an overwhelming force; cut off by the lake and the wilderness from supplies and re-enforcements, General Hull was obliged, in his answer to the charges made against him to say that he deemed it a sacred duty which he owed under his government, to his fellow citizens, to negotiate a capitulation which secured their safety."

"There is every evidence to show that had the predictions and suggestions of General Hull been heeded at the outset of his undertaking, he would not have been placed in the position in which it became necessary for him to surrender his force."

During the latter part of his life General Hull resided at Newton, Mass., where he died Nov. 25, 1825.

189 ABIJAH MOSS NICHOLLS married Pamelia

Beardsley, of Trumbull, Conn. She was a kinswoman of Judge Samuel Beardsley of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

CHILDREN:

226 Bradley.
227 Henry H.
228 Daniel M.
229 Luther, married Mathilda Clark.
230 Cornelia.
231 Mary, married Chas. R. Bagley.
232 Lucy.
233 Carrie, married Edgar Beers.
234 Jane.

192 CHARLES LEWIS NICHOLLS married Jennett, daughter of Stephen and Mary (Jennings) Burroughs, of Bridgeport.

Mr. Nicholls engaged in the wholesale grocery business at Bridgeport in 1825, which he conducted with signal success for about five years, when he transferred the same to New York City, where he soon became recognized as one of its leading merchants.

Some years subsequently Mr. Nicholls, in conjunction with the "merchant prince," Moses Taylor, engaged extensively in the importation of staple tropical products, viz.: sugar, molasses, coffee, etc.

Mr. Nicholls retired from business in 1868 and returning to Bridgeport, purchased the beautiful and spacious Ireland homestead, situated on Old Mill Green, where he and his family resided until a short time before his death, which occurred at Jersey City, N. J., in 1881. His wife survived him two years.

CHILDREN:

235 Charles E., married (1), Frances Williams; (2), Mary S. Rowley.
236 George W., married Elizabeth Main.
237 Mary, married Archibald A. Thomas.
238 Edward Livingston, married (1), Sally Westcott; (2), Laura May Applegate.
239 Henry C., died unmarried.
240 Sarah J.

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241 Elizabeth, married Theodore F. Bradley.
242 Walter, married Eliza L. Nicholls.
243 Frances, died in infancy.

195 DANIEL FAIRCHILD married Ann Eliza Hungerford.

CHILDREN:

244 Horace Fairchild, married Antonette Edwards.
245 Julia Emma Fairchild.
246 Antonette Fairchild, married Hobart R. Wheeler.
247 Anna Fairchild, died young.

196 PLUMB NICHOLS FAIRCHILD married Jennett Lewis, widow of Marshall Booth, of Trumbull. They left no issue.

208 GEORGE KNEELAND NICHOLLS married Armina de Lyon Seely.

CHILDREN:

248 Charles Wilbur de Lyon.
249 Lavinia Armina, died 1873.

210 JAMES KANT NICHOLLS married Elizabeth (de Lyon) Seely.

CHILDREN:

250 Harriet Elizabeth, married Horace Wheeler.
251 Eliza Lavinia, married Walter Nicholls (The Author).
252 Frances Serena, married Walter H. Bullard.
253 Mary Lucinda, married John V. Singleton.
254 Carolyn Josephine, married Lewis Bonnell Crane.

214 ISAAC HULL (COMMODORE) went to sea as a cabin boy at fourteen, and at nineteen was in command of a vessel; entering the navy as a lieutenant. In March, 1798, he was assigned to the *Constitution*, with which his fame was closely linked. In 1800 he outsailed an English frigate by some miles in a day's race, and in a small sloop dashed into Port Platte, Hayti, and captured a French privateer and spiked the guns of the battery on shore. Made master in 1804, he served in the *Argus* against Tripoli, in General Eaton's Algerian expe-

dition, and in the Bay of Naples. In 1811 he was in command of the frigate *Constitution*, and being threatened with the detested "Search" by British frigates, in the harbor of Portsmouth, prepared for action, though war had been declared.

In July, 1812, he sailed for Annapolis with orders not to fight against odds "if he could help it." Chased by a British squadron in a light wind, his eminent qualities as a sailing master came into play, and he escaped by sending boats with a kedge to which the ship was warped up. In Boston he grew tired awaiting orders and went out without them. August 19th he had his famous battle with the *Guerriere* of forty-four guns, Commander Dacres. After half an hour the enemy was disabled and surrendered, being reduced to a useless hulk and having seventy-nine men killed and wounded. The *Constitution* lost but fourteen, and was so little injured as to gain the title of "Old Ironsides."

The moral effect of this victory, the first of the war, was great and Congress voted $50,000 to those engaged in it, and a gold medal to Hull, who received further honors from several states and cities.

It was probably not Commodore Hull's fault that he reposed on his laurels gained by this exploit, and did nothing worthy of remembrance during the remaining thirty years of his life. The navy had as many ships as captains; others were entitled to their turn, and he had had his share of "glory"; yet it is to be regretted that his brilliant abilities and splendid courage could not have been further used during the war.

Commodore Hull served for many years on the Naval Board; had command of the navy yards at Boston, Portsmouth and Washington, and of the Pacific and Mediterranean fleets. He died in Philadelphia, Febuary 13, 1843.

226 BRADLEY NICHOLS married Sarah L., daughter of Dr. John H. and Caroline (Edwards) Pardee, of Trumbull. Dr. Pardee was a lineal descendant of Moses Pardee, of Huguenot antecedents, and the first of the name at New Haven; coming to this country from Poitiers, France.

CHILDREN:

255 Warren B.
256 William Jason.

240 SARAH J. NICHOLLS married William F. Moody, Esq., of New York. Among their issue is John Moody, the eminent author of "Moody's Manual." Mr. Moody is recognized as the ablest financial statistician in the United States.

248 CHARLES WILBUR DE LYON NICHOLLS, philanthropist and author, was born at Nichols. He commenced the study of Latin at eight and Greek at twelve years of age. He graduated at De Graff's military school, where he was a pupil of Clark, the grammarian, and finally at Williston Seminary, taking high honors in the classics; after which he devoted three years to the study of music and ancient classics, which he continued to pursue until his entrance to the Johns Hopkins University; during the summer vacations of his course attending lectures on the philosophy of Hegel under United States Commissioner of Education W. G. Harris, LL.D. A thesis written by him at that time was forwarded by Dr. Harris to Scotland to the renowned author of the secret of Hegel, as a specimen of what American students were doing on speculative lines. He engaged in the study of ethical and speculative theology at the Seabury Divinity School, Minnesota, and the regular three years' course at the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, New York City. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Henry C. Potter at St. Thomas' church, New York City, and to the priesthood at the Church of the Holy Communion of that city. Mr. Nicholls' remarkably elaborate education was subsequently rounded out by study in the Gregorian University in Rome. He was vicar of St. Thomas' church, New Haven, for a year; rector of St. Stephens' church, Staten Island, for nearly five years; and for five years chaplain of the Department of Public Charities and Corrections of New York City.

Mr. Nicholls has an international reputation as a novelist and essayist on fashionable society. He is the author of the "Greek Madonna," and the "Decadents," both of which made a great stir in fashionable circles. His latest work, "The Ultra-Fashionable Peerage of America," a volume of essays on Mrs. Astor's coterie in American society, won higher encomiums from that distinguished social leader herself than anything which had been written about her by Ward McAllister or numerous other writers on fashionable society. Mr. Nicholls

is also deeply interested in philanthropic work, and is the founder of the Sunday Kindergarten of New York City, a unique educational and patriotic work for tenement house children. It was also due to his efforts in enlisting his friends that the New York Home for Convalescents was tided over the most critical period of its existence. He is Governor-General of the Society of Scions of Colonial Cavaliers.

255 WARREN B. NICHOLS married Ida A., daughter of Judge Van Rensselaer C. Giddings, of Bridgeport.

256 WILLIAM J. NICHOLS married (1), Mary Nash Barker; (2), Elizabeth Frances (sisters), daughters of James W. and Martha E. Barker, of Fairfield, and granddaughters of Hon. James Barker, the first mayorality candidate of the Republican party of New York, and great granddaughters of Dr. William Nash of Bridgeport, one of Connecticut's most eminent physicians, and Rev. Andrew Elliot, Fairfield's distinguished divine; both of whom were living during the nineteenth century; were also lineal descendants of Capt. Thomas Nash, of Westport, an illustrious Revolutionary soldier.

PART TWO

WARDE—SHERMAN—NICHOLLS

ANDREW WARDE was probably son of Andrew and grandson of Sir Richard Warde of Gorleston, Suffolk County, England; his grandmother being a daughter of Sir Richard Gunville, also of Gorleston. He came to America in Winthrop's fleet; was made a freeman May 14, 1634, and for a short time resided at Watertown, Mass. He was appointed by the General Court of the Bay Colony one of the commissioners "to govern the people of Connecticut"; was one of the five persons who held the first court in the colony in April, 1636; tried the first cause and made the first law, and was one of the six magistrates who, with committees of the lower house, first asserted the sovereignty of the colony, by the formal declaration of war against the Pequots, May 1, 1637.

The historian Trumbull says: "The names of the six commissioners should live forever."

Andrew Warde's wife was Esther, a daughter of Edmund and Judith (Angier) Sherman, formerly of Dedham, England.

Hon. John Sherman and General William Tecumseh Sherman were descendants of Edmund Sherman.

Hon. Roger Sherman, Hon. William M. Evarts and United States Senator Geo. F. Hoar were descendants of Henry Sherman, uncle of Andrew Warde's wife.

The children of Andrew Warde and Esther, his wife, were:

Edmund, married Mary Hunt.

William, born 1645; married Deborah, daughter of Robert and Susanna Lockwood.

Ann, married Caleb, son of Sergeant Francis Nicholls, one of the original proprietors of Stratford, brother of Col. Richard Nicholls, the first English Governor of New York.

Mary, married John Burr, the second, of Fairfield. They were ancestors of President Aaron Burr, of Princeton College, father of Hon. Aaron Burr, third Vice-President of the United States.

John, married Mary Harris, of Rowley, Mass.

Sarah, married Nathaniel Burr, of Fairfield.

Abigail, married Moses Dimon, of Fairfield.

Andrew, married Tryal, daughter of John Meigs, of Guilford, Conn. They were ancestors of Capt. Andrew and General William Ward, of Revolutionary fame, and also ancestors of the distinguished Beecher family: Henry Ward Beecher, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Isabella Beecher Hooker, et al.

Samuel, married (1) Alice Ogden, of Fairfield; (2), Mrs. Hannah Nicholls, widow of Jonathan Nicholls, of Stratford.

Esther.

Andrew Warde's will was dated at Fairfield, June 8, 1659, and by its provisions he leaves property to his wife, Esther, and to his children: Esther, Sarah, John, Samuel and Edmund; "the rest of his children having already received their portions."

By the will of Esther, wife of Andrew Warde, dated December 6, 1665, she bequeaths to her daughter, Ann Nicholls, her "best red cloth petticoat, also nine pounds to be equally divided between the children of said Ann Nicholls."

DESCENDANTS OF ANDREW WARDE

Following are some of the descendants of Andrew Warde, living during the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries, whose names stand pre-eminent on the roster of those who dedicated their lives and energies toward the advancement and perpetuity of the great American Republic, in the founding of which their forebear took so conspicuous and important a part:

Rear Admiral Andrew Hull Foot, U. S. N.; Gen. William Hull, U. S. A.; Com. Isaac Hull, U. S. N.; Maj. Gen. Joseph Wheeler, U. S. A., C. S. A.; Col. Chas. H. Whipple, U. S. A.; Admiral Hiram Paulding, U. S. N.; Stephen Burroughs, inventor decimal system of currency; John Burroughs, eminent naturalist and author; Mary E. Woolley, president of Mt. Holyoke College and author; Prof. Everett Ward Olmstead, of Cornell University; Prof. Allan Marquand, of Princeton University; Prof. Charles H. Smith, of Yale College; Rev. Aaron Burr, first president of Princeton University; Hon. Aaron Burr; third vice-president, U. S.; Miss Anna Burr Jennings and Oliver Gould Jennings, of Fairfield, Conn.; Rev Freeman Clark, of Boston; George Foster Peabody, banker and philanthropist of New York; Morris K. Jes-

sup, George J. Gould, John Moody, author of *Moody's Manual* and eminent financial writer; George Burroughs Torrey, distinguished contemporary portrait painter of New York and Paris; Henry Ward Beecher, Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," et al.

KELLOGG—NICHOLLS

DANIEL KELLOGG was baptised and probably born at Great Leighs, a town about thirty-five miles from London, England. He was a member of the small Anglo-Saxon coterie who, in 1686, received from the General Court of the Colony of Connecticut, acting under authority of King James the Second, letters patent of the township of Norwalk.

Daniel Kellogg was chosen Townsman in 1670, and representative to the General Court from 1670 to 1683, inclusive, and was also frequently selected by his fellow citizens to act on various committees, both ecclesiastic and civil.

He was twice married, first to ——; second to Bridget, daughter of John Bouton, a leading citizen of Norwalk.

CHILDREN, by first wife:

Sarah, born Feb., 1659; married Daniel Brinsmade.
Mary, born Feb., 1661; married Joseph Platt.
Rachel, born Feb., 1663; married Abraham Nicholls.

CHILDREN, by second wife:

Elizabeth, born Aug., 1666.
Daniel, born May, 1671.
Samuel, born Feb., 1673.
Lydia, born April, 1676.
Benjamin, born March, 1678.
Joseph.

REAR ADMIRAL FRANCIS HOYT GREGORY, U. S. Navy, was of the fifth generation from Daniel Kellog, through Asa and Ruth (Kellogg) Hoyt, their granddaughter having married Capt. Moses Gregory, of Norwalk, April 27, 1787.

Francis Hoyt Gregory was in the merchant service, as a boy, in 1807, but became a midshipman in the navy in 1809. Soon afterward, while serving on the *Vesuvius*, and in charge of one of her barges near the Batize, he surprised and captured an English slaver. He was made active master in 1811, and while in command of gunboat No. 162, captured a schooner

fitting for piratical purposes, disabled and drove away a privateer of greatly superior force, that had been annoying our commerce, and took a Spanish pirate of fourteen guns. He was with Commodore Chauncey in his actions on Lake Ontario, and on June 28 was made lieutenant. In August, 1812, he was taken prisoner and sent to England, where he remained eighteen months. He soon afterward joined one of the frigates against the Algerians without coming home. In 1821-3, while in command of the schooner *Grampus*, he was active in suppressing piracy on the coasts of Cuba and Mexico; capturing, near St. Croix, the notorious pirate brig *Pandvita*, a vessel far superior to his own in armament and number of men. He was promoted to commander, April 28, 1828, and to captain, January 18, 1838, and in 1840 commanded the *Raritan* in the blockade of the Mexican coast.

His last sea service was in command of the African squadron in 1849-52. In July, 1861, he was ordered to superintend the construction of all vessels of war built outside of navy yards, and was engaged in this duty when he died. He was made Rear Admiral on the retired list, July, 1862.

A daughter of Rear Admiral Gregory married Governor Charles R. Ingersoll, of Connecticut.

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4. Dudley Case, b. ---, 23 Nov 1723; d. ---, 1792; m. Dorcas Humphrey, ---, ---; b. ---, 1726; d. ---, 17 Jun 1805.
5. Daniel Case, b. ---, 7 Mar 1695; d. ---, 28 May 1733; m. Penelope Buttolph, ---, ; b. ---, 1 Oct 1699; d. ---, 27 Jun 1746.
6. John Case, b. ---, 5 Nov 1662; d. ---, 22 May 1733; m. Sarah Holcomb, ---, ---; b. ---, 23 Jun 1668; d. ---, ---.
7. **(F) JOHN CASE**, b. ---, ---; d. ---, 21 Feb 1703; m. Sarah Spencer, ---, ---; b. ---, 1636; d. ---, 3 Nov 1691.

General no: 38. Society: NY 38. **CHARLES SNOW KELLOGG** b. --- 11 Jun 1870.

1. Peter C. Kellogg, b. ---, 26 Apr 1841; d. ---, ---; m. Julia Snow, ---, ---; b. ---, 22 Jul 1842; d. ---, 24 Mar 1892.
2. Charles White Kellogg, b. ---, 21 May 1815; d. ---, ---; m. Demis D. Comstock, ---, ---; b. ---, 3 Dec 1821; d. ---, ---.
3. Fredrick Kellogg, b. ---, 27 Sep 1766; d. ---, 16 Oct 1832; m. Tryphena Ely White, ---, ---; b. ---, ---; d. ---, 27 Jan 1816.
4. **(P) ASA KELLOGG**, b. ---, 19 Feb 1745; d. ---, 4 Jun 1820; m. Lucy Powell, ---, ---; b. ---, 27 Feb 1746; d. ---, 9 Nov 1816.
5. **(P) SILAS KELLOGG**, b. ---, 1714; d. ---, 1790; m. Ruth Root, ---, ---; b. ---, Mar 1722; d. ---, 1818.
6. Stephen Kellogg, b. ---, 9 Apr 1668; d. ---, 5 Jun 1722; m. Lydia Belding, ---, ---; b. ---, ---; d. ---, ---.
7. **(F) LT. JOSEPH KELLOGG**, b. ---, bef 1653; d. ---, 1707; m. Abigail Terry, ---, ---; b. ---, ---; d. ---, ---.

General no: 39. Society: NY 39. **JOHN HARVEY LOCKWOOD** b. --- 19 Apr 1856.

1. William Waterbury Lockwood, b. ---, 9 Aug 1821; d. ---, ---; m. Nancy Jane Slasson, ---, ---; b. ---, 29 Jun 1825; d. ---, ---.
2. Davis Lockwood, b. ---, 11 Mar 1795; d. ---, 7 Apr 1844; m. Rebecca Whitney, ---, ---; b. ---, ---; d. ---, 13 Nov 1869.
3. **(P) EZRA LOCKWOOD**, b. ---, 30 May 1747; d. ---, 8 Mar 1821; m. Anna Davis, ---, ---; b. ---, ---; d. ---, 22 Jun 1822.

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4. Edmund Lockwo
Hannah Schofield, -
5. Daniel Lockwoo
Clements, ---, ---; b.
6. Ephriam Lockwo
John, ---, ---; b. ---,
7. **(F) ROBERT LO**
---, ---, ---; b. ---, ---

General no: 40. Soci
b. --- 5 Apr 1869.

1. William Harris Hi
Margaret Skinner Bes
2. Ellery Hills, b. ---
Coolidge, ---, ---; b.
3. Wait Hills, b. ---,
Roberts, ---, ---; b. -
4. **(P) ASHBEL HIL**
Mehitable House, ---,
5. Ebenezar Hills, b.
Arnold, ---, ---; b. ---
6. Ebenezar Hills, b
Benjamin, ---, ---; b.
7. William Hills, b. ---
---; b. ---, ---; d. ---,
8. **(F) WILLIAM HI**
---, ---; b. ---, bap 12

General no: 41.
BATCHELLER
b. --- 27 Sep 1834. Tr

1. Moses Leland Batche
Sarah Ann Phillips, ---
2. Moses Batcheller, b.
Chase, ---, ---; b. ---, 2

General no: 4029. Society: PA 643. **THOMAS RICHARDS KELLOGG**
b. Bryn Mawr, PA 20 Jan 1937.

1. Justin Kellogg, b. Troy, NY, 4 Nov 1910; d. ---, ---; m. Anita Thomas Ligget, Ardmore, PA, 3 Jun 1935; b. Ventnor, NJ, 6 Jul 1911; d. ---, ---.
2. Richards Kellogg, b. Troy, NY, 10 Jun 1879; d. Bennington, VT, 30 Jun 1938; m. Nina Campion, Troy, NY, ---; b. Troy, NY, 18 Feb 1881; d. Bennington, VT, 17 Oct 1961.
3. Justin Kellogg, b. Troy, NY, 18 Apr 1844; d. Bennington, VT, 28 May 1912; m. Mary Bryan Leake, Troy, NY, 20 Apr 1871; b. Troy, NY, 3 Sep 1848; d. prob Bennington, VT, 1 Aug 1934.
4. Giles Bacon Kellogg, b. Williamstown, MA, 28 Mar 1808; d. Bennington, VT, 6 Feb 1901; m. Adeline Kellogg, ---, 30 May 1836; b. Troy, NY, 9 Feb 1816; d. Bennington, VT, 27 Mar 1882.
5. Samuel Kellogg, b. Williamstown, MA, 29 Sep 1766; d. Williamstown, MA, 25 Apr 1829; m. Isabella Blair, Williamstown, MA, 1807; b. Williamstown, MA, 21 Feb 1774; d. Williamstown, MA, 25 Nov 1831.
6. **(P) CPT. SAMUEL KELLOGG**, b. Hadley, MA, 9 Jun 1734; d. Williamstown, MA, 2 Sep 1788; m. Chloe Bacon, ---, 4 Mar 1764; b. Middletown, CT, 1 Dec 1741; d. Williamstown, MA, 7 Oct 1787.
7. Benjamin Kellogg, b. Hartford, CT, Jan 1701/2; d. Canaan, CT, 22 Aug 1757; m. Abigail Sedgwick, Hartford, CT, 9 Nov 1721; b. Hartford, CT, 3 Feb 1702; d. ---, ---.
8. Samuel Kellogg, b. Hadley, MA, 28 Sep 1662; d. Hartford, CT, 1717; m. Sarah Merrill, Hartford, CT, 22 Jul 1687; b. Boston, MA, 19 Sep 1664; d. Hartford, CT, 1719.
9. **(F) LT. JOSEPH KELLOGG**, b. Great Leigs, Essex, England, bap 1 Apr 1626; d. Hadley, MA, 1707; m. Joanna ---, prob England, 1650; b. ---, ---; d. Hadley, MA, 14 Sep 1666.

CURTISS—WELLES—BOOTHE—NICHOLLS

JOHN CURTISS, and his brother, WILLIAM (in relation to the latter, see Appendix), came to Stratford with their widowed mother, Elizabeth Curtiss, among the early settlers. John Curtiss' wife, Elizabeth, was a daughter of Governor Thomas Welles, of Connecticut. She died December 2, 1707.

CHILDREN:

John, born Oct. 14, 1642; settled at Newark, N. J.
Israel, born May 12, 1644.
Elizabeth, born May 2, 1647.
Thomas, born Jan. 14, 1648; settled at Wallingford, Conn.
Joseph, born Nov. 12, 1650.
Benjamin, born Sept. 30, 1652.
Hannah, born Feb. 2, 1654.

JOSEPH CURTISS married, November 9, 1676, Bethia, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Hawley) Boothe.

CHILDREN:

Elizabeth, born Jan. 17, 1677; married Samuel Ufford.
Anna, born Sept. 1, 1679.
Mary, born 1681; married Joseph Nicholls.
Ephraim, born Dec. 31, 1684.
Joseph, born Nov. 6, 1687.
Nathan, born Feb. 21, 1689.
Josiah, born Mar. 31, 1691.
Bethia, born Mar. 10, 1695; married Benjamin Burton.
Eliza, born July 30, 1699, }
Ebenezer, born Aug. 1, 1699, } Evidently triplets.
Eliphalet, born Aug. 1, 1699, }

Joseph Curtiss was elected Deputy to the General Court of Connecticut in 1686-89, and Assistant, first in 1698; to which office he was thereafter annually elected for twenty-one years consecutively. He was also in the meantime frequently chosen by the General Court a member of various important commit-

tees; his conferees always being selected from among the most eminent statesmen of the Colony.

Of the several committees referred to, the following may be cited:

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

"This Court do order and appoint Mr. Samuel Sherman, Junr., Mr. Joseph Hawley and Mr. Joseph Curtiss to consider what is most equitable and reasonable for the inhabitants of Fayrefeilde to pay to the town of Norwalke in refference to the purchass they have made of the natives of Some lands within the bounds of Fayrefeilde aforesayed."

PROVISIONING THE ARMY

In 1690 the General Court enacted the following order:

"This Court do Allso order that a vessel be forthwith sent to Albany with provisions for the Army, and Mr. Thomas Strowbridge, Mr. Joseph Curtice, Mr. Josiah Niccols and Mr. Richard Blackleach or any three of them, do take care and order the same, and they are hereby ordered Accordingly."

COMMITTEE OF RECONCILIATION

"This Assembly being very sensible of the uncomfortable State of New Haven, by reason of the unhappy differences between the said town and the village; and greatly desirious to have said differences reconciled, do order and appoint Joseph Curtis, Richard Christophers, Esqrs., and Capt. Abraham Hawley, with Peter Burr and Mr. John Sherman of Woodbury, a Committee to hear the parties and endeavour if possible to bring them to a good agreement, and make report to the General Assembly in Oct. next (1708)."

COMMITTEE OF WAR

In 1709 Mr. Joseph Curtis, along with Deptuy-Governor Nathan Gold, Major Peter Burr, Capt. Joseph Wakeman and Capt. Theophilus Hull, were appointed by the General Court, a Committee of War for the County of Fairfield, "to take care of the defence of the frontier within this County and of Wiantenock or New Milford, and that the said Committee or any three of them shall have full power to act and order for the full defence of said frontier against the assaults of the enemy as they shall judge needful."

BOUNDARIES

In 1710, in company with the Honorable Nathan Gold (Deputy-Governor) and Peter Burr, Esq., Mr. Joseph Curtiss was appointed by the General Court, to act in conjunction with a committee from New York State to settle the boundaries between Connecticut and New York State, as agreed upon by the authorities in 1700.

COMMITTEE OF SAFETY

"It is ordered and enacted by this Court that there be a Committee appointed by the several Counties of this Colonie who are to take care and provide for the safetie of their respective counties, and for that end to convene together to consult, advise, direct and command in all affairs proper for a Commission of Safetie in time of Warre against the common Enemy." Such committee for Fairfield County was composed of the following gentlemen, whose names are appended in the order in which they appear in the Act: Capt. Nathan Gold, Mr. Joseph Curtice, Mr. Peter Burr, Capt. John Wakeman, Capt. James Judson, Mr. Ephraim Stiles and Capt. James Olmstead."

In addition to his onerous duties as Assistant, Joseph Curtiss was Auditor of Public Accounts, and Judge of the County Court of Fairfield, and was also Town Clerk of Stratford, for fifty years. He bore the title of "the Worshipful" Joseph Curtiss.

GOV. THOMAS WELLES

THOMAS WELLES, grandfather of Joseph Curtiss, came from England in 1636, in company with Rev. Thomas Hooker and others, as secretary of Lord Saye and Sele, and was one of the founders of Hartford. In 1637 he was chosen one of the magistrates of the town, an office which he held every year until his death. He was also chosen first treasurer of the Colony of Connecticut. From 1640 to 1648 he filled the office of secretary, and in 1649 was chosen one of the Commissioners of the United Colonies in the first Federal Council in New England. In 1655-58 he served as Governor, and in 1656-57-59 as

Deputy-Governor. He possessed in an unlimited degree the confidence of the colonists and drafted many of their most important enactments.

RICHARD BOOTHE

RICHARD BOOTHE, the first of the name at Stratford, was born in England in 1607, and, according to accepted genealogical data was son of Sir Richard Boothe, of Coggshill (baron of Cheshire), son of Sir William Boothe by his wife, a daughter of Sir John Warburton.

Richard Boothe was one of Stratford's most prominent and respected citizens, and as the town and colonial records attest was often chosen to fill public positions of responsibility and honor. The title of "Mr." prefixed to his name as frequently found in the town and colonial records would indicate his enjoyment of more than ordinary social prestige.

Richard Boothe's wife was Elizabeth, sister of the first Joseph Hawley, of Stratford. Their daughter, Bethia, married "The Worshipful" Joseph Curtiss, of Stratford, and their daughter Mary, married Capt. Joseph Nicholls, of the Manor of Nicholls' Farm.

A granddaughter of Richard Boothe married Samuel Grant and they were the forebears of the illustrious General Ulysses S. Grant.

Among other descendants of Richard Boothe the following may be named: Miss Jannett Boothe, the eminent historian and Genealogist of Stratford, and the distinguished financier, David B. Boothe, of Putney, Conn. Mr. Boothe, although in the ninety-fifth year of his age, still maintains apparently all his pristine mental and much of his physical vigor. He has been a director of the City National Bank of Bridgeport for many years, and although living some ten miles distant from the institution, very rarely fails to attend the weekly meetings of its directorate. To Mr. Boothe's sagacity and zeal in its behalf, may in a large measure be ascribed the bank's present exalted status in the financial world.

PEAT—UFFORD—NICHOLLS

1 JOHN PEAT'S first appearance at Stratford was in 1639, and he was therefore one of its original proprietors. He came to America from Duffield Parish, Derby, England, in 1635. Of his wife's personality we have no knowledge. He died in 1678.

CHILDREN:

John, born about 1638; married Jane Osborn (prob).
2 Benjamin, born about 1640.

2 BENJAMIN PEAT (Peet), married Phebe, daughter of Richard Butler, of Stratford, Ob. May 1, 1704.

CHILDREN:

Samuel, born Sept. 9, 1663.
3 Benjamin, born Aug. 31, 1665.
Thomas, born Mar. 29, 1670.
Alice, born Oct. 10, 1677.
Mary, born Oct. 10, 1683.

3 BENJAMIN PEAT married, first, Priscilla, daughter of Thomas Fairchild; second, Mary Corbit, September 5, 1723.

CHILDREN, by first wife:

Butler, born Sept. 1, 1689.
James, born Mar. 27, 1691.
William, born May 1, 1694.
Richard, born Aug. 30, 1696.
4 Thomas, born July 15, 1698.
Joseph, born Apr. 1, 1700.
Katherine, born July 18, 1701.
Ann, born Jan. 30, 1703.

4 THOMAS (DEA.) PEAT married Phebe, daughter of Abraham and Rachel (Kellogg) Nicholls, of Nicholls' Farm, January 7, 1724.

CHILDREN:

5 Josiah, born Dec. 20, 1725.
Ephraim, born July 23, 1729; married Bathsheba Nicholls.
Nathan, born Mar. 14, 1730-1.
Esther, born June 14, 1732; married Ephraim Nicholls.
Phebe, born Oct. 30, 1734; married —— Curtis.
6 Thomas, born Oct. 19, 1736.
William, born Apr. 3, 1740.
Priscilla, born Apr. 3, 1742.
William, born Jan. 24, 1743.

5 JOSIAH PEAT married Abigail Bassett, July 8, 1747.

CHILDREN:

7 Abijah, born June 19, 1748.
Abraham, born Nov. 25, 1750.
Josiah, born Oct. 2, 1754.
Mary, born May 1, 1757.
A child, baptised Nov., 1759.
Abigail, born Aug. 6, 1762.

6 THOMAS PEAT married Phebe ——. In his will, dated October 3, 1760, he mentions his wife, "and directs his son William to pay three pounds each to his six brethren: Josiah, Ephraim, Nathan Peet, Esther Nicholls, Phebe Curtis and Priscilla Beardslee," and appoints his wife and his son William, executors.

CHILDREN:

8 William.
Thomas.

7 ABIJAH PEAT married Bethia, daughter of Samuel and Anna (Moss) Ufford, July 4, 1771.

CHILDREN:

Johanna, born June 9, 1773; married Robert Nicholls.
Mary, born June 19, 1777.
Philo, born Dec. 25, 1779.
Isaiah, born Apr. 8, 1782.
Avis, born Oct. 26, 1787; married Hezekiah Nicholls.

8 WILLIAM PEAT married Jemima Darrow (widow), November 24, 1785.

CHILDREN:

Catherine, baptised Dec. 31, 1786; married Charles Bostwick.
Maria, baptised Jan. 8, 1789; married —— Longworth.
George, baptised Dec. 5, 1790.
Eleazer, baptised May 5, 1793.
9 Minerva, baptised Dec. 6, 1795.
William Henry, baptised Aug. 27, 1797.
Frederick T., baptised Mar. 17, 1800.
Francis, baptised Oct. 23, 1801.
Edward W., baptised May 20, 1804.
Sarah Ann, baptised July 6, 1806; married Henry K. Harral.

9 MINERVA PEAT married Hon. William Wright of Clarkstown, New York.

William Wright served in the War of 1812. He removed to Newark, N. J., in 1821; was mayor of that city in 1840-47; a representative in twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth Congresses, and United States Senator in 1853-1863. He died November 1, 1866.

BUTLER

RICHARD BUTLER was one of the original proprietors of Stratford. In 1651 the General Court granted him liberty to prosecute the Indian Nimrod at Pequamock, who had "wantonly killed some of his swine."

In 1659 Richard Butler was chosen customs officer at Stratford, and was prominent in the Second Church organization from 1666 to the time of his decease, which occurred at Stratford in 1670.

CHILDREN:

Phebe, married Benjamin Peet.
Mary.

MARY BUTLER married Thomas Hicks, of Flushing, L. I. The Quaker family of Hicks came from England in 1641

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and settled on Long Island; locating where the village of Hicksville now stands.

Thomas and Mary (Butler) Hicks were grandparents of Hon. Whitehead Hicks, who was Mayor of New York City in 1776; which office he held for the protracted period of ten years. He studied law, was admitted to practice in 1750, and appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of the province of New York in 1776. He married a daughter of John Brevoort, Esq., of New York, a member of the distinguished and wealthy family of that name.

UFFORD

THOMAS UFFORD came to America from England in the ship *Lion* in 1632; landing at Boston, where he was made a freeman the same year. He was one of a party composed of William Pyncheon, Jehue Burr and five others, who founded, in 1639, the town of Springfield, Mass. He soon, however, disposed of his proprietary interests at Springfield and removed to Roxbury; thence to Milford; thence to Stratford, where he died in 1666.

CHILDREN:

Thomas.
John.
A daughter, married Roger Terrell.

JOHN UFFORD married, first, Martha Nettleton; second, Hannah, a sister of Joseph Hawley, the first, of Stratford.

CHILDREN:

Thomas, born Aug. 20, 1657.
Martha, born Aug. 12, 1659; married Peter Carow.
Mary, born June 20, 1661; married Daniel Pickett.
John, born Feb. 3, 1665.
John, born Jan. 21, 1667.
SAMUEL, born Jan. 21, 1670.
Elizabeth, born Feb. 19, 1673.
Lydia.

SAMUEL UFFORD (LIEUT.) married Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph and Bethia Booth Curtiss, December 5, 1694. ob. 1746.

CHILDREN:

Martha, born Sept. 28, 1695; married Josiah Hubbell.
Elizabeth, born Apr. 3, 1698; married Josiah Beers.
Abigail, born May, 1700; married Elnathan Beach.
Anna, born Aug. 3, 1702; married, first, Joseph Burton; second, William Patterson.
Mary, born Apr. 16, 1704.
Thomas, born Jan. 22, 1706.
Bethia, born May 12, 1708.
Sarah, born Mar. 15, 1710.
SAMUEL, born Apr. 12, 1712.
Eunice, born Nov. 2, 1713; married Edward De Forest.
Joseph, born Nov. 15, 1715; married Ruth Lewis.
John, born Nov. 23, 1717.
Ebenezer, born 1719; married Jane Moss.

SAMUEL UFFORD married Johanna, daughter of John Moss, December, 1738.

CHILDREN:

Daniel, born Sept. 28, 1739.
John, born Mar. 2, 1741.
Johanna, born Mar. 5, 1745; married Timothy Fairchild.
Mary, born Dec. 16, 1747; married Lewis Fairchild.
Bethia, born Feb. 15, 1750; married Abijah Peet.
Jane, born Aug. 23, 1752; married Richard Salmon.

Avis, daughter of Abijah and Bethia (Ufford) Peet, married Robert, son of Andrew and Bethia (Plumb) Nicholls. (See Nicholls genealogy, appended.)

FAIRCHILD

THOMAS FAIRCHILD was among Stratford's earliest pioneers, those of 1639; and immediately took his position there as one of its leading citizens. In 1652 he was appointed by the General Court to draft soldiers for the Narragansett War, and in that same year was elected Deputy; which office he filled for several years. In 1663-64-65-66-67 he was nominated for "Assistant," but failed of election.

Thomas Fairchild was twice married; first, to —— Seabrook in England; second, to Catherine Craigg, also of England.

CHILDREN, by first wife:

Samuel, born Aug. 31, 1640.
Sarah, born Feb. 19, 1641; married Jehiel Preston.
John, born Mar. 1, 1644.
Thomas, born Feb. 21, 1645.
Dinah, born July 14, 1648.
Zecheriah, born Dec. 14, 1641.
Emma, born Oct., 1653; married Hackeliah Preston.

CHILDREN, by second wife:

Joseph, born Apr. 18, 1664.
John, born June 8, 1666.
Priscilla, born Apr. 20, 1669; married Benjamin Peat.

PLATT—PLUMB—NICHOLLS

Richard Platt was born in Playstow, England; grandson of Sir Hugh Platt, Kt. He came to New Haven in 1638. In 1646 his name appears at the head of a list of free planters of Milford, and in 1669 was chosen deacon of the church there.

Upon one of the coping stones of the imposing memorial bridge which spans the Nepawag River, Milford, is the following inscription:

"Deacon
Richard Platt
obit, 1684
Mary, his wife."

Children:

John, married Hannah Clark.
Isaac, married Elizabeth Wood, of Huntington, L. I.
Sarah, married, first, Thomas Beach; second, Miles Merwin.
Epenetus, married Phebe Wood, of Huntington, L. I.
Hannah, married Christopher Comstock.
Josiah, married Sarah Canfield.
Joseph, born April, 1649.

Joseph married Mary, daughter of Daniel Kellogg, of Norwalk, May 5, 1680. He was deputy from Milford in 1700, captain of militia in 1710 and Justice of the Peace for thirteen years.

Children:

Mary, born Sept., 1681; married John Woodruff.
Joseph, born Feb. 16, 1684.
Phebe, born March, 1686; married Samuel Newton.
Daniel, born Sept. 7, 1690; married Sarah Beard.
Hannah, born April, 1693; married Fletcher Norton.
Epenetus, born May 7, 1696.
Elizabeth, born Feb., 1698; married Nehemiah Smith.
Gideon, born Sept., 1700.
Sarah, born Mar. 28, 1703.
Mary, born May 6, 1704.

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JOSEPH married Elizabeth Woodbury, April 9, 1702.

CHILDREN:

ABIAH, born ——.
Joseph, born May 11, 1711.
Ebenezer, born July, 1713; married Hannah Green.
Stephen, born 1717.

ABIAH married Noah Plumb, of Nicholls' Farm. His will was dated September 19, 1774, and probated February 5, 1776.

CHILDREN:

Abiah, born Mar. 26, 1739; married Andrew Nicholls.
Phebe, born Mar. 5, 1741; married James Nicholls.
Susanna, born Aug. 28, 1748.
Daniel, born June 10, 1751.
Joseph, born January, 1756.

HOOKER—NEWTON—PLUMB—NICHOLLS

Rev. Thomas Hooker was born at Marsfield, Leicestershire, England, in 1586. He was a popular Non-Conformist preacher in London, but was silenced by Laud when he (Hooker) kept a school in which John Elliot, "the Apostle," was his assistant.

Hooker fled from persecution to Holland in 1633, and coming to the Colony of Massachusetts, was ordained that year pastor of the church at Newtown, and in 1636 he with his whole congregation migrated to the valley of the Connecticut, where they founded Hartford, July 7, 1647.

The historian Northend, descanting on the subject of Massachusetts Congregationalism in England during the seventeenth century, says: "It was the pens of learned ministers living in New England, that in Old England raised 'Independency' to the position of command. It was Hooker of Connecticut, and Cotton and Shepard and Allen and Norton and Mather of Massachusetts that organized the victories of Fairfax and Cromwell."

A sermon preached by Rev. Thomas Hooker, May 31, 1636, before the General Court, is said to be the first suggestion of the fundamental law of our country as enunciated in its Constitution.

Rev. Thomas Hooker's daughter, Mary, married Rev. Roger Newton, the second minister at Milford. They had a son Roger, who married ——; their son Samuel married, in 1669, Martha, daughter of Benjamin Fenn, of Milford; their daughter Susanna married, in 1700, Joseph Plumb, of Milford; their son Noah married, in 1738, Abiah, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Woodbury) Platt, of Milford; their daughter, Abiah, married in 1670, Andrew, son of Capt. Joseph and Mary (Curtiss) Nicholls, of Nicholls' Farm.

Samuel Newton was appointed by the General Court in 1690, lieutenant in the French and Indian War, and captain in 1698. He was chosen Deputy from Milford from 1690 to 1703, and a Justice of the Peace for New Haven County from 1701 to 1703, inclusive.

SEELEY—NICHOLLS

Robert Seeley probably came from England with Winthrop's fleet, and was made a freeman of the Massachusetts Colony May 18, 1631, with John Burr and others. He settled first at Watertown, where he was surveyor in 1634. He removed to Wethersfield in 1636. On the first day of May, 1637, he was appointed first lieutenant of Capt. Mason's expedition against the Pequot Indians on the Mystic and Pequot rivers. He proved a valiant soldier and was one of the first to enter the Mystic fort and to clear the brushwood entrance after Capt. Mason had leapt over it.

On June 2 following, the General Court gave him command of thirty men out of the Connecticut River plantation, "to set down in the Pequot country and river in place convenient, to maintain the right that God by conquest had given them."

In 1639 he joined the New Haven Colony, where his name appears among the first list of freemen for that year; he signed the fundamental agreement of the church June 4, and in October the following year was admitted a member of the General Court; at the same time being chosen marshall.

He went back to England in 1646, but returned in a few years, and in 1654 led the forces raised in New Haven to be placed under the command of the English officers Sedgwick and Leavitt against New Netherlands; but fortunately, timely tidings of peace arriving from England, the expedition was abandoned.

In 1662 Robert Seeley was chosen by the General Court, Commissioner for Huntington, L. I. In 1663 he was appointed chief military officer of Huntington, and also one of those who received letters patent of that township.

Captain Nathaniel, son of Lieut. Robert Seeley, was an able and brave officer. In 1675 he was commissioned a lieutenant for Fairfield County in "King Philip's War" and was killed on December 19 of that year in the Great Swamp fight while gallantly leading his men into action. A grant of two hundred acres of land at Fairfield was made the next year by the Col-

onial government to his wife, in recognition of his military services.

He married first, about 1649, Mary, daughter of Benjamin Turney, Esq.; second, Elizabeth, widow of Obediah Gilbert, formerly wife of Nehemiah Olmstead. Had issue by first wife only.

CHILDREN:

SEELEY
- NATHANIEL.
- Robert.
- Benjamin.
- Joseph.
- John.
- Mary.
- Sarah.
- Phebe.
- Rebecca.

LIEUT. NATHANIEL married Hannah Odell.

CHILDREN:

SEELEY
- Nathaniel.
- JAMES.
- Ebenezer.
- Hannah Gray.

JAMES married Sarah Gregory, January 21, 1702-3.

CHILDREN:

SEELEY
- Sarah.
- James.
- Anna.
- Seth.
- Hannah.
- NATHAN.
- Stephen.
- James.
- Samuel.
- Abel.

ENSIGN NATHAN married Eunice ——.

CHILDREN:

SEELEY
- Seth.
- NATHAN.
- Eunice.

LIEUT. NATHAN married Deborah Gregory.

CHILDREN:

SEELEY
- NATHAN.
- James.
- ABNER.
- Abel.
- Jesse.
- Alston.

LIEUT. NATHAN SEELEY was in command of Stratfield (Bridgeport) and its environs in the War of the Revolution. Both he and his father, Ensign Nathan Seeley, are buried in the old Stratfield cemetery, the entrance to which has recently been graced by an artistic memorial gateway, the gift of the Mary Silliman Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution of Bridgeport.

ABNER married first, Sabria, daughter of Zacheriah Lyon, Esq., a prominent and wealthy resident of Western Connecticut; second, Lucy Osborne.

CHILDREN, by first wife:

- MONSON.

CHILDREN, by second wife:

SEELEY
- Sabria.
- Maria.
- Nathan W.
- Alden.
- Alson.
- Mariette.
- Eli.

MONSON (REV.), married Eliza Maria, daughter of Aaron and Polly (Lyon) Platt. He served as a boy in the War of 1812. After his marriage he settled at Palmyra, N. Y.

Aaron Platt was in direct line from Richard Platt, one of the original settlers of Milford, Conn., and for one of whose descendants Plattsburgh, N. Y., was named.

CHILDREN:

PLATT

ARMINA, married George Kneeland Nicholls.
Calvin.
Mary.
ELIZABETH, married James K. Nicholls.
Aaron.
Sabria.
Sarah J.
Abner, died unmarried.

ARMINA married George Kneeland Nicholls, of Nicholls' Farm.

CHILDREN:

NICHOLS

Charles Wilbur de Lyon.
Lavinia Armina, deceased 1873.

ELIZABETH married James Kant Nicholls, of Nichols.

CHILDREN:

NICHOLS

Harriet, married Horace Wheeler.
Eliza Lavinia, married Walter Nicholls.
Frances Serena, married Walter H. Bullard.
Mary Lucinda, married John V. Singleton.
Carolyn Josephine, married Lewis Bonnell Crane.

OSBORNE—SEELEY

ABNER SEELEY, son of Lieutenant Nathan Seeley, of the Revolutionary war, married, second, Lucy Osborne. The Osbornes, a family of unusual financial acumen, were among the founders of the historic Christ Church of Tashua, Fairfield County, Connecticut. Two of the members of the branch of the Osborne family: Amos and William, removed to Waterville, N. Y., where they built up fortunes in the banking business. Rosalie, the remarkably beautiful and accomplished daughter of Amos Osborne, Esq., married, first, Fitz Hugh

Ludlow, an eminent author, and, second, Albert Bierstadt, the celebrated landscape painter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bierstadt were presented at most of the principal European Courts, and were pioneers in New York society in entertaining personages of title, both at their town house in Fifth Avenue, and at their palatial studio villa at Irvington-on-Hudson. Bierstadt's paintings adorn the palaces of the Emperor of Germany; the Czar of Russia; the King of England and the Sultan of Turkey.

HINMAN—STILES—NICHOLLS

PATIENCE, daughter of Edward and Hannah (Stiles) Hinman, married John Burrough(s) of Stratford, January 10, 1694-5.

EDWARD HINMAN was the only person of the name among the early settlers of the colonies; landing at Boston in 1650, thence coming to Stratford in 1651, and subsequently removing to Woodbury, where he resided until his death, and where his will was dated November 17, 1681. He was a cavalier in England and one of the bodyguard of King Charles the First.

Edward Hinman was the forebear of several of our country's most illustrious soldiers and sailors in its struggle for independence; among whom may be cited: Col. Benjamin Hinman, U. S. A., Captain Elisha Hinman, U. S. N., and others of the name, as well, who achieved distinction in various walks of life at a later period.

COL. BENJAMIN HINMAN

Benjamin Hinman, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Lamb) Hinman, and grandson of Edward and Hannah (Stiles) Hinman, was born at Woodbury in 1720. He held a warrant as master of a troop of horse in the 13th Regiment and served in Canada against the French in 1771.

He received April 19, 1775, a commission as captain in a regiment raised for the defense of His Majesty's territory against the French by Elijah Goodrich, who was the colonel. This regiment defended Crown Point and vicinity. Captain Hinman's promotion during this war was rapid and at its close he ranked as lieutenant-colonel, and was promoted to the colonelcy of horse in the 13th regiment.

At the outbreak of the Revolutionary War he was commissioned as colonel of the 4th Regiment of Colonial troops by Governor Trumbull; was in command of his regiment at Ticonderoga; was present at New York when captured by the British, and remained in active service until 1777, when ill health compelled him to return home. He represented Woodbury in the legislature for twenty sessions. He was also a member of the

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State Convention which ratified the Constitution of the United States.

CAPT. ELISHA HINMAN

Elisha Hinman, son of Andrew, and great grandson of Sergeant Edward Hinman, was born at Woodbury, Conn., March 10, 1734. At fourteen years of age he took to a seafaring life, and before he had attained his twentieth year he was captain of a merchantman, trading with Europe and the Indies. He was one of the first captains of the navy appointed by Congress and commanded the *Cabot*, a Continental brig, fitted out in New London in 1776. Later he succeeded Paul Jones as captain of the *Alfred*, which was captured by the *Ariadne* and *Ceres* while on her way home from France, March 9, 1778. He was carried as a prisoner to England, but escaped to France, whence he returned home and engaged for a while in privateering.

In 1779 he commanded the *Hancock*, a privateer sloop, and had a run of exceptionally brilliant successes. He was honorably acquitted of all blame for the loss of the *Alfred*, and in 1780 Captains Hinman and Havens in their respective sloops the *Hancock* and *Beaver*, captured the *Lady Erskine*, a brig of ten guns; one of a fleet of twenty-one sailing vessels which was passing New London, under convoy of the *Thames*, a frigate of thirty-one guns. He commanded several other vessels and at the close of the war returned to the merchant service. In 1794 President Adams offered him command of the *Constitution*, but he felt compelled to decline by reason of his advanced age. From 1798 to 1802 he was in the Revenue Service. He died at New London, August 29, 1807.

BURROUGHS—NICHOLLS

JOHN BURROUGHS, of Stratford, married July 10, 1694, Patience, daughter of Sergt. Edward and Hannah (Stiles) Hinman.

CHILDREN:

1 STEPHEN, born Feb. 25, 1695.
2 EDWARD, born Mar. 14, 1696.
Hannah, born Nov. 25, 1697; married Ephraim Curtis.
Eunice, born Sept. 1, 1699; married Josiah Curtis.

3 Joseph, born Nov. 23, 1701.
Bathsheba, born Sept. 26, 1703; married Sevignon Lewis.
John, born Aug. 31, 1705.
Eden, born July 10, 1707.
Ephraim.
Patience, born Jan. 2, 1709.

1 STEPHEN BURROUGHS succeeded to the homestead, and in conformity with the custom of the period, being the eldest son, received a "double portion." He was the owner of the "parish grist mill," an extensive land owner at Stratford, and also at Cornwall, Conn.; having in 1737, in company with fifty others, purchased from the State, in *fee simple*, the whole of that township; comprising some thirty thousand acres. He also owned much land in Meridan and Wallingford, which he acquired by inheritance from his father. He married March 3, 1720, Ruth, daughter of Abraham and Rachel (Kellogg) Nicholls, of Nicholls' Farm.

CHILDREN:

4 Eunice, born July 4, 1723.
Edward, born 1727.
5 Stephen, born Oct. 4, 1729.
Ruth, born April, 1731.
Edward, born April, 1735.
6 Eden, born Jan., 1737.
7 Ephraim, born April, 1740.
John, born July, 1745.

2 EDWARD married April 2, 1710, Abigail, daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Chauncey of Hatfield, Mass., son of Rev. Charles Chauncey, second president of Harvard College. She died in 1720. He married, second, Anne Judson, September 11, 1722. By his will, dated April 18, 1732, and now on file in the probate records of Fairfield, Conn.; he bequeaths to his only son Zachariah: "All his real estate, whether situate, lying and being in any part of the Kingdom of England; particularly in Sudbury, in the County of Suffolk, in the Parish of St. Gregory, or here in Stratford in New England; whether lands, tenements or hereditaments."

The seal of the instrument bears the Burrough(s) coat-of-

arms, which, according to the best works on heraldry, is that of the Suffolk, England, family. He was a sea captain.

3 JOSEPH married a sister of Rev. Stephen Munson, of New Haven (Yale, 1725). Their son, Joseph, was born at New Haven, March 18, 1735, and graduated from Yale College in 1757. He died the year of his graduation.

4 EUNICE married, 1741, Daniel Summers. Their son, Capt. Stephen Summers, married Mary Holburton; their son Capt. Stephen Summers, married Betsey Young; their daughter Polly Summers, married Sheldon Smith; their son, Sterling Smith, married Lucy Josephene Wheeler, sister of Major General Joseph Wheeler, and their son Sterling Summers Smith, of Brooklyn, N. Y., married Annie E. Bynum, 1879.

Through the Holburton line the descendants of Capt. Stephen Summers go back to the Fayerwethers, Capt. Mathew Sherwood, son of Thomas Sherwood, and Gov. Thomas Fitch, whose line is definitely traced back in England to 1294.

5 STEPHEN married, first, Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph and Punal (Bostwick) Browne of Stratford, May 22, 1760. She died December 4, 1764. He married, second, Hulda, daughter of Peter and Mary (Nicholls) Pixlee, of "Old Mill," Stratford.

Stephen Burroughs was in many respects a remarkable man, not only as a pre-eminently successful merchant, ship builder, ship-owner and navigator—his vessels ploughing the seas in every direction, even to the distant ports of the Orient; but notwithstanding the magnitude and importance of his commercial interests, he was ardently given to philosophical speculation—becoming a recognized authority in the science of astronomy, which subject he pursued with all the pertinacity and acumen of a Newton or a Herschel; his deductions being quoted by more than one of the standard treatises of the day. He, moreover, occupied an exalted position in the realm of mathematics, being the author of the decimal monetary system of the United States; the formula of which he submitted to Hon. William Samuel Johnson, who was United States Senator from Connecticut at the time; and he, recognizing its practical

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utility, presented it to Congress, and an enactment was at once had under which Connecticut and Massachusetts began in 1785 to coin copper cents—the full decimal currency being evolved by degrees, until the full decimal system was made legal in 1798.

Stephen Burroughs was an active Whig in the Revolution. He raised a militia company called the Householders, of which he was chosen captain; was twice chosen representative to the General Assembly, and was a Justice of the Peace for many years. He was blind nearly twenty years before his death, which occurred August 2, 1817, aged eighty-eight years. His remains repose beside those of his wife, Hulda, in the old Stratfield cemetery, Bridgeport. Upon his gravestone is inscribed the following epitaph, composed by and placed there at the instance of his stepson, Pixlee Judson, who was a young man of more than ordinary intelligence and erudition, and a great admirer of his step-father:

EPITAPH

"Stephen Burroughs, Esqr., a man distinguished by his industry and his talents and acquirements, self-taught and original, he explored the vast fields of mathematical and astronomical science beyond all the efforts of a Cassini or a Newton, and made discoveries of a most useful and astonishing nature, but, in consequence of his blindness, his discoveries are lost to the world."

"This monument is erected by Pixlee Judson."

The historian Orcutt, in a monograph entitled, "Stephen Burroughs and His Times," read by him before the Fairfield County Historical Society at Bridgeport, A. D. 1887, and which is on file in the archives of the Society, the following passage occurs:

"This germ of a city, planted most certainly by Stephen Burroughs about 1755 at Rocky Hill and on the Pequonnock Harbor, foot of State Street in 1769, has grown to be a populous city; celebrated in every village of America and Europe and largely to the ends of the earth as the City of Bridgeport. Stephen Burroughs started the wheel moving at his grist mill when he lifted the gate of trade by opening a store and building a schooner, and therefore to him belongs the honor of planting

the cornerstone of this now prosperous, populous, and widely known city." It might be added in parenthesis, Bridgeport to-day is a city of more than one hundred thousand inhabitants.

Stephen Burroughs' library was one of unusual proportions, consisting chiefly of scientific, philosophical, and historical works; bound mostly in substantial calf leather. The greater portion of this library is in the posession of his great-grandson, James R. Burroughs, Esq., of Bridgeport.

CHILDREN, by first wife:

Eunice, born April 30, 1761.
8 Stephen, born March 5, 1763.
David, born Oct. 18, 1764.

CHILDREN, by second wife:

Elizabeth, born Sept. 4, 1767.
9 Hulda, born March 26, 1769.
Abigah, born Jan. 17, 1771.
David, born Oct. 31, 1773.
10 Isaac, born Oct. 15, 1775.

A sister of Stephen Burroughs' first wife married Wolcott Chauncey, and they were the parents of Commodore Isaac Chauncey, the distinguished naval officer of the eighteenth century. Wolcott Chauncey was son of Rev. Robert Chauncey, son of Rev. Charles Chauncey, son of Rev. Israel and Mary Nicholls Chauncey, the latter being daughter of Isaac Nicholls, brother of Caleb Nicholls. Rev. Israel Chauncey was one of the chief founders of Yale College.

COMMODORE ISAAC CHAUNCEY.

Isaac Chauncey went to sea at the age of thirteen years: obtained command of a ship when nineteen years of age; was appointed lieutenant in the U. S. Navy in 1798; was promoted to be commandant in 1802 and captain in 1806. He served with distinction in the war with Tripoli; was in command of the Navy Yard at Brooklyn from 1808 until 1812, when he was placed in command of the lakes, which he maintained with the highest gallantry as a naval commander. Afterwards he commanded the Mediterranean Squadron from 1816 to 1818, and

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then was again commander of the Navy Yard at Brooklyn, and was president of the Navy Commisssion at his decease, which occurred at Washington January 27, 1840.

6 EDEN BURROUGHS. Was graduated from Yale College, Class of 1757. After graduation he studied theology under the preceptorship of the distinguished divine, Rev. David Judson, of Newtown, Conn. Having filled various pastorates; in the year 1771, at the solicitation of President Wheelock, of Dartmouth College, he was induced to visit Hanover, N. H., to preach as a candidate for the pastorate of the church there, and his services proving satisfactory, he received a call, which he accepted. He was elected a trustee of Darmouth College the next year, and remained in that office until his death. The degree of D. D. was conferred upon him in 1806.

It is said that, with many eccentricities, Eden Burroughs possessed a strong mind and special power as an extemporaneous speaker. He was the author of several ecclesiatical works.

7 EPHRAIM. Removed from Stratford to New York State early in life, and among his descendants is John Burroughs, the distinguished naturalist and author.

8 STEPHEN. Married, first, Mary, daughter of Capt. Levi Jennings, of Boston, Mass., March, 1792; second, Parmela Turney, of Trumbull, Conn., November 12, 1812. He succeeded to his father's commercial interests, which he conducted with eminent success to about the time of his demise, which occurred in 1836.

CHILDREN, by first wife:

11 Maria, born June, 1792-3.
Stephen, born Aug. 27, 1793; lost at sea.
Henry, born April 30, 179—.
12 Lucretia, born Nov. 19, 1796.
Eliza, born April 23, 1798.
13 Henry, born Oct. 20, 1800.
Charles, born July 31, 1802.
14 Fanny, born April 7, 1804.
15 Jennet, born Oct. 24, 1805; married Charles Lewis Nicholls
David, born May 6, 1809.

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CHILDREN, by second wife:

16 George, born July 15, 1813.
Cornelia, born Aug. 13, 1817; married Frederic Kirtland.
Harriet, born Feb. 20, 1819.
Susan, born June 22, 1821.
Charles, born June 15, 1825.

9 HULDA. Married Joseph Backus, Esq., an able lawyer of Stratfield (Bridgeport). Mr. Backus enjoyed the distinction of being the author of the borough charter of Bridgeport, the first borough charter granted by the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Backus was son of Rev. Simon Backus, of Stratfield; his mother being a sister of the distinguished ecclesiastic, Jonathan Edwards.

10 ISAAC. Married Rebecca, daughter of Andrew Hurd, Esq., of Old Mill, Stratford.

CHILDREN:

Abigah.
Isaac.
17 Catherine Ann.

11 MARIA. Married Isaac Sherman, Esq., one of Bridgeport's prominent and influential citizens. Mr. Sherman was largely interested in maritime enterprises, being the owner of several vessels employed in the Boston and West India trade. At one time he was a partner of his father-in-law, Stephen Burroughs. Mr. Sherman enjoyed quite a reputation as a "local historian," having prepared a series of historical notes of Stratford and Fairfield, which embraced biographical sketches of their more notable citizens living during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. These sketches were subsequently copied verbatim et literatim by the historian Orcutt in the preparation of his valuable histories of Stratford and Bridgeport.

CHILDREN:

Mary Sherman.
Eliza Sherman; married Darwin Warner.
Jane Sherman; married Rowland B. Lacy.

12 LUCRETIA. Married, first, Ransom C. Canfield; second, Gen. William De Forest. Had issue by first husband only.

17 Maria Canfield.

18 Elvira Canfield.

13 HENRY. Married Ophelia Hurd, of Newtown, Conn.

CHILDREN:

Stephen.
Henry C.
William P.
Charles De Lancey.

14 FANNY. Married Joseph Woolley, and had among other issue, Rev. Joseph Woolley, of Pawtucket, R. I., father of the distinguished educator and author, Miss Mary E. Woolley, president of Mt. Holyoke College.

JENNETT. Married Charles Lewis Nichols, of Nicholls' Farm.

CHILDREN:

Charles E. Nichols; married, first, Frances Williams; second, Mary Stewart Rowley.
George W. Nichols; married Elizabeth Main.
Mary Nichols; married Archibald A. Thomas.
Henry C. Nichols; died unmarried.
Edward Livingston Nichols; married, first, Sally Westcott; second, Laura May Applegate.
Sarah J. Nichols; married William F. Moody.
Elizabeth Nichols; married Theodore F. Bradley.
Walter Nichols; married Eliza Lavinia Nichols.
Frances Nichols; died in infancy.

16 GEORGE. Married Catherine S., daughter of Legrand Bancroft, Esq., an eminent jurist, son of Oliver Bancroft, M. D., of Newton, Conn., son of Ephraim Bancroft, of Windsor, Conn.

George Burroughs served thirty-five years as cashier of the

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Bridgeport National Bank, and much of the prestige which that institution enjoys to-day is undoubtedly due to his sagacious management in its early history.

CHILDREN:

19 Harriet Louise.
Mary Katherine; married Frederic M. Perry.
George Legrand; died unmarried.
James Richard; married Mamie Welles.

17 CATHERINE ANN. Bridgeport's notable philanthropist. Married late in life Allison A. Pettengill, of Bridgeport. Mr. Pettengill was the editor and proprietor of the Bridgeport *Daily Standard*, one of the leading journals of western Connecticut. He was a scholarly and cultured man.

By her will Mrs. Pettengill made the following bequests:

"To the city of Bridgeport," a capacious and attractive structure, situated at the corner of Main and John streets for the use of its public library. "The same to be forever known as the 'Burroughs' Library Building.'"

"To St. John's Episcopal Church Society, of Bridgeport, the sum of thirty thousand dollars to be expended in the construction of a chapel adjoining the church edifice and to be known as 'The Burroughs' Chapel.'"

She also bequeathed a large sum for the construction and maintenance of a home for "Worthy indigent maiden ladies," to be known as "The Burroughs' Home." This latter provision of her will has been gracefully and judiciously executed by the erection at Black Rock, a beautiful suburban section of Bridgeport, of an attractive and commodious structure of Colonial style of architecture, handsomely appointed and equipped with every modern device calculated to inure to the health and comfort of its inmates.

In addition to the foregoing munificent bequests, Mrs. Pettengill generously remembered "The Bridgeport Hospital" and "The Sterling Widows Home," of Bridgeport, besides bestowing upon her kinsfolk sums aggregating nearly one hundred thousand dollars.

18 ELVIRA CANFIELD. Married George Peabody.

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CHILDREN:

20 George Foster Peabody.
Charles Peabody.
Royal Peabody.

19 HARRIET LOUISE. Married Joseph Torrey. She was the founder and first regent of the Mary Silliman Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of Bridgeport.

George Burroughs Torrey, the distinguished portrait painter of New York and Paris, is a son of Joseph and Harriet L. Torrey.

20 GEORGE FOSTER PEABODY is the contemporary eminent financier and philanthropist and a member of the noted banking firm of Spencer, Trask & Co., of New York City.

LUCRETIA STURGIS. A niece of Stephen Burroughs' first wife (Mary Jennings); married Joshua Bates, Esq., of Boston. Joshua Bates subsequently went to England and became a partner in the great banking house of Baring Bros., of London, and of which he was senior member at the time of his death, which occurred in 1885. They had only one child, a daughter: Lucretia Augusta, who married M. Van de Weyer, Belgium minister to the Court of St. James, who had one son, Victor William Bates Van de Weyer, who married August 6, 1868, Lady Emily Georgina, daughter of the second Earl of Craven, and they reside at "New Lodge," Windsor Forest, the seat of Mr. Van de Weyer's grandparents, Joshua and Lucretia (Sturgis) Bates. Lady Van de Weyer is a sister of Lady Coventry, and of the Earl of Craven, who married Miss Bradley-Martin.

In 1854 Joshua Bates was appointed umpire between the joint commission, whose object was to effect a settlement of the claims between the citizens of the United States and Great Britain, resulting from the War of 1812, and it is said by the best official authority that the decisions of Mr. Bates were never called in question by either side, although they frequently involved differences of the most intricate as well as vitally important nature.

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SOME DESCENDANTS OF ISAAC NICHOLLS

Hon. Charles Nichols, of New York, a distinguished member of the bar and U. S. Consul to the Hague through two Presidential administrations, was born at Newtown, Conn., and graduated at Yale in the Class of 1812. He married Miss Romaine, daughter of Benjamin Romaine, the second comptroller of the City of New York.

Washington Romaine Nichols, an eminent lawyer, son of Hon. Charles Nichols, graduated at Columbia College, valedictorian. He married Alicia Mackie, of New York. Had issue: Romaine,* Charles, Leta,* Henrietta,* Lulu,* and Washington Romaine.*

* Romaine Charles Nichols married Amelia Eccheveria, of New York.

Henrietta * married Hon. Charles Emory Smith, of Philadelphia, former U. S. Minister at St. Peterburg, Russia, and former Postmaster-General under McKinley and Roosevelt, and is editor of the Philadelphia *Press*.

Leta * married Oscar F. Livingston, of New York, whom she survived, and occupied the Livingston homestead, 108 East Thirtieth Street. Mrs. Livingston recently married James Blanchard Clews, of New York, a nephew of Henry Clews.

Lulu * married James Francis Sullivan, of Philadelphia, a banker and one of the foremost financiers of the State of Pennsylvania. They had issue: Frances, Leta, Romaine Livingston, and Elaine Sherman.

Lineage of Hon. Charles Nichols: *

Sergeant Francis Nicholls, Stratford, 1639.
Isaac Nichols, Stratford.
Isaac Nichols, Jr., Stratford.
Richard Nichols, Stratford.
Nathaniel Nichols, Stratford.
Elijah Nichols, Newtown.
* Charles Nichols, New York.

What is known as the Greenfield Hill branch of the Nicholls' family first rose to special prominence through the Rev. Samuel

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Nichols, born at Greenfield Hill, and who at the time of his death (see Orcutt) was the oldest Episcopal clerygman in the United States. He married Miss Susan Nexen Warner, of New York, a notable heiress. The old Warner estate comprised a large section of Murray Hill, including the ground on which the Grand Central Depot now stands. The late Effingham Howard Nichols, LL. D., Colonel A. R. T. Nichols, Susan Warner Nichols and William B. Nichols, were some of the children of the Rev. Dr. Samuel Nichols and Susan Nexen Warner. Effingham Howard Nichols, of New York, was a lawyer, Union Pacific Railroad magnate, and real estate capitalist, and a Yale graduate, and one of the most active members of his class alumni. An only child, Miss Elizabeth Howard Nichols, of Shelton, Conn., survives him. She was his child by his first wife, Elizabeth Seabury Treadwell, a lateral descendant of Bishop Seabury.

Among other descendants of Isaac Nichols, the following may be named: George Livingston Nichols, an eminent lawyer of New York; Acosta Nichols, a member of the noted banking firm of Spencer Trask & Co., New York; Starr Hoyt Nichols, of New York; William Wallace Nichols, of New York; Howard H. Knapp and Howard N. Wakeman, distinguished members of the Fairfield County, Connecticut, Bar; Rev. Charles Chauncey, first minister of the first Congregational Church Society organized in Stratford (later Bridgeport) in 1695.

Rev. Charles Chauncey was grandfather of the illustrious naval officer, Commodore Isaac Chauncey, a biographical sketch of whom is given on pages 79-80.

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WILLIAM FORD NICHOLS, D. D., Protestant Episcopal Bishop of California, was born at Lloyd, N. Y., June 9, 1849, son of Charles Hubert and Margaret Emilie (Grant) Nichols. He graduated from Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., in 1870, and from Berkeley Divinity School in 1873. He married, May 18, 1876, Clara Quintard, daughter of Edward Quintard, of New York and Stamford, Conn., a niece of Bishop Quintard, of Tennessee. The Quintards were related to the Van Alen and Schuyler families of New York. He was ordained Deacon in 1873; Priest, 1874; was secretary to Bishop Williams of Connecticut in 1871-6. After several pastoral charges elsewhere in Connecticut, he was rector of Christ church, Hartford, from 1877 to 1887; St. James', Philadelphia, 1887-90; Professor of Church History, Berkeley Divinity School, 1885-7; consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of California, June 24, 1890; Bishop of California, April 6, 1893. He was the founder of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, San Mateo, California.

Following is the lineage of Bishop Nichols, including the names, birth and marriages of his children:

ISAAC NICHOLL, son of Francis, had son Jonathan, who was born December 20, 1655; died 1689.

JONATHAN NICHOLS married, December 21, 1681, Hannah Hawkins.

CHILDREN:

1 Josiah, born Oct. 21, 1682.
2 Mary, born Jan. 16, 1684.
3 Jonathan, born Sept. 12, 1687; died Nov. 6, 1760.

3 JONATHAN NICHOLL married, December 10, 1713, Sarah, daughter of Joseph Beach.

CHILDREN:

4 Hannah, born May 28, 1716.
5 Mary, born Sept. 6, 1718.
6 Abiah, born Dec. 17, 1722.

7 Josiah, born Dec. 4, 1724.
8 Hawkins, born Sept. 9, 1727; died Sept. 13, 1757; no children.
9 Ruth, born Sept. 19, 1730.
10 Jonathan, born Aug. 10, 1732.
11 Sarah, born Nov. 10, 1734.
12 Eunice, born Aug. 25, 1736.

7 JOSIAH NICHOLS' children were:

13 Eunice, born April 22, 1757.
14 Sarah, born Dec. 10, 1759; died about 1838.
15 Lucy Anne, born April, 1764.
16 Hezekiah Booth, born Sept., 1770.
17 Josiah H., born ——; died about 1797.
18 Abiah.

17 JOSIAH H. NICHOLS. Married, March 2, 1794, Lydia Morse.

CHILD:

18 Josiah Morse, born ——, 1797; died April, 1874.

CHILD:

18 JOSIAH MORSE NICHOLS. Married, 1814, Delilah Duncombe.

CHILDREN:

19 Sarah Jane, born Feb., 1816; died March, 1841.
20 Charles Hubert, born April 9, 1817; died March 2, 1893.
21 William Morse, born Feb., 1819; died Sept., 1837.
22 Mary E., born Dec., 1823; died Dec., 1841.
23 Lydia Ann, born June, 1827; died Jan., 1866.

20 CHARLES HUBERT NICHOLS. Married, December 26, 1844, daughter of Sweton Grant.

CHILD:

24 William Ford, born June 9, 1849.

24 WILLIAM FORD NICHOLS. Married, May 18, 1876, Clara, daughter of E. A. Quintard.

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CHILDREN:

25 John Williams, born Feb. 28, 1878.
26 Mary Evelyn, born May 17, 1880.
27 William Morse, born Dec. 1, 1881.
28 Clara Quintard, born May 22, 1888.
29 Margaret Alice, born April 15, 1894.

25 JOHN WILLIAMS NICHOLS. Married Julia Woodward, February 27, 1908.

27 WILLIAM MORSE NICHOLS. Married Ellen Dean Child, November 6, 1907.

26 MARY EVELYN NICHOLS. Married Philip Moylan Lansdale, December 15, 1904.

CHILD:

30 Evelyn Lansdale, born May 4, 1906.

WALTER S. NICHOLS, of Newark, N. J., is descended from Francis Nicholls through Humphrey Nichols, who was at Newark about 1737. Mr. Nichols is vice-president and editor of the *Insurance Monitor and Law Journal*, of New York. He is a graduate of Princeton University. His great-grandfather, Captain Robert Nichols, commanded a company of New Jersey militia in the Revolutionary War.

Mr. Nichols' cousin, Mrs. Elizabeth Moore Bowron, of New York, is Historian General of the "National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution."

CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW is a lineal descendant of Rev. Israel and Mary (Nicholls) Chauncey. She was daughter of Isaac Nicholls.

SOME DESCENDANTS OF JOHN NICHOLLS

BURR H. NICHOLLS, who is descended from the John Nicholls' branch of the family, several of whose members settled at Norwalk, but subsequently removed to New York State a few generations ago, married Miss Rhoda Holmes, of London, daughter of Rev. William G. Holmes, an eminent Church of England clergyman.

Rhoda Holmes Nicholls is probably the most famous female water-color artist in America. They have two children: Rhoda Olive and Arundel Holmes Nicholls, the daughter inheriting to a marked degree her mother's artistic talent.

WILLIAM CURTISS

William Curtiss, like his brother, "The Worshipful" Joseph Curtiss, was one of Stratford's most distinguished citizens.

Among William Curtiss' descendants now living are: Mrs. Jonathan Godfrey, Lewis B., and Roderick P. Curtiss, of Bridgeport, and their cousins, the Marquise de Talleyrand Perigord, of France, and Princess Ruspoli, of Italy, daughter of the late Joseph Curtiss, of New York.

Lewis B. Curtiss was recently chosen president of the Connecticut Society Sons of the American Revolution, succeeding the Hon. Jonathan Trumbull.

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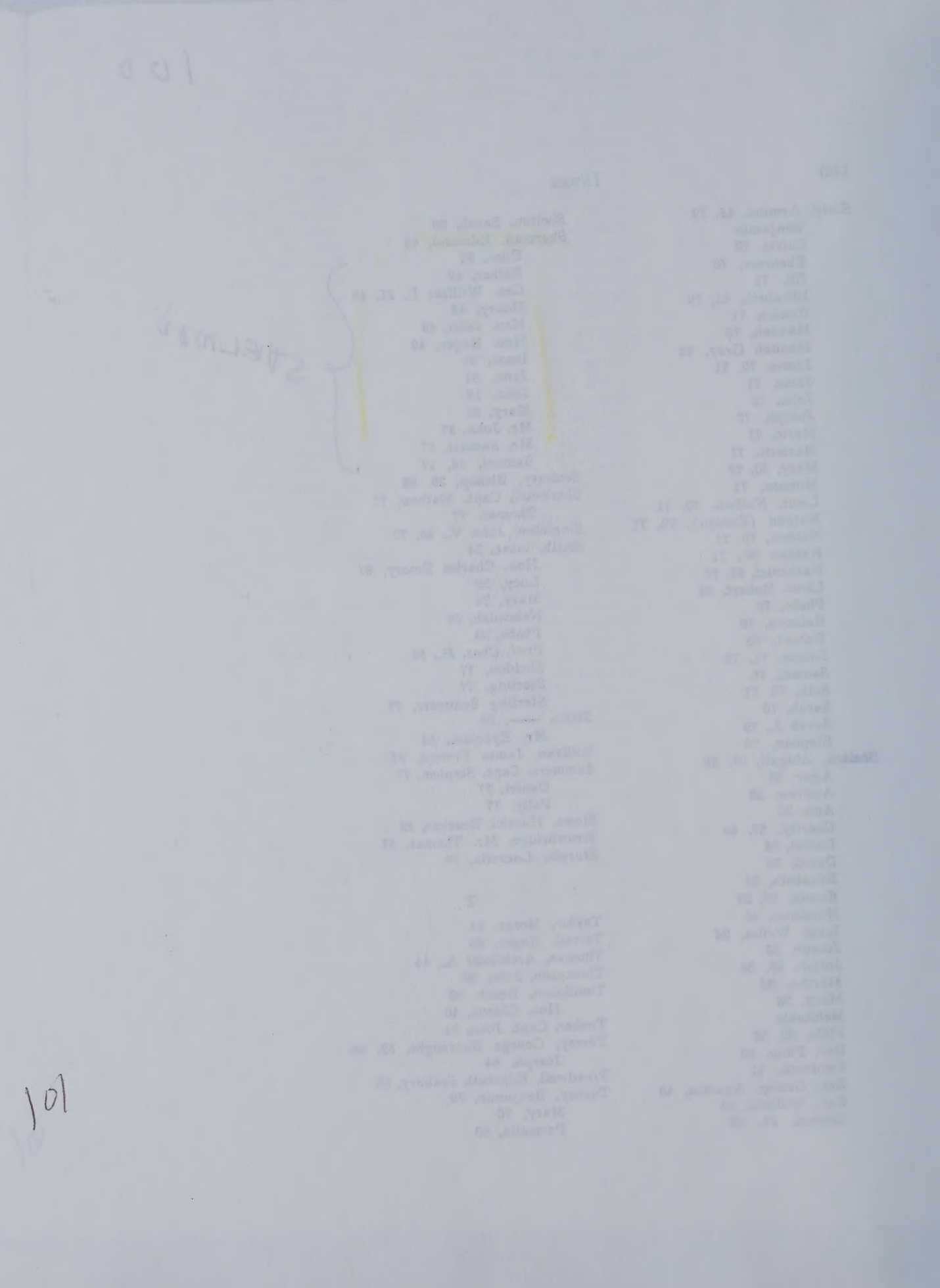

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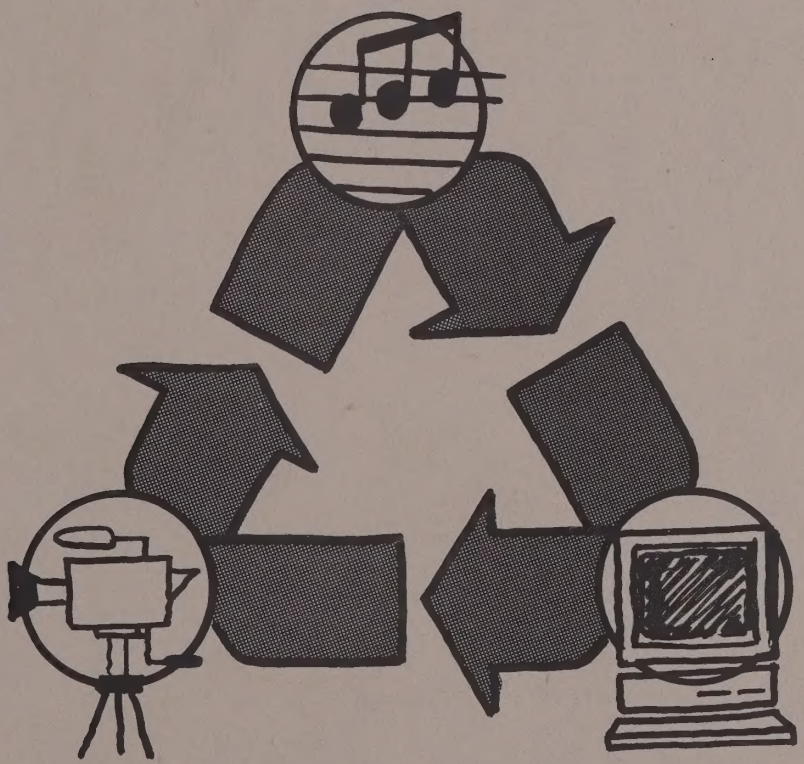

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